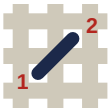
Classic row houses at Christmas

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 colors



How to stitch it



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2. Lines in continental, right to left, the canvas upside down for the next row; wide areas in basketweave.
2. Cut 18 in of thread. Start and end it without a knot left behind.
3. Mark the middle of the canvas. It is the outlined square, column 36, row 36 (DMC 739): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color. Empty squares stay bare.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 890: the board's edge hides them.

First time? How to needlepoint: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-start/
How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 8.5 in square (21.6 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 15 colors, about 16 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it an ornament: board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord.
How to finish an ornament.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	840	2
■	**BLANC**	White	819	1
▲	**729**	Medium Old Gold	598	1
◆	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	316	1
▼	**336**	Navy Blue	247	1
★	**3752**	Very Light Antique Blue	219	1
❖	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	166	1
X	**312**	Very Dark Baby Blue	165	1
H	**503**	Medium Blue Green	151	1
+	**3830**	Terra Cotta	143	1
=	**321**	Red	119	1
Z	**310**	Black	109	1
A	**355**	Dark Terra Cotta	88	1
V	**437**	Light Tan	44	1
T	**501**	Dark Blue Green	36	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- DMC BLANC White
- DMC 729 Medium Old Gold
- DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
- DMC 336 Navy Blue
- DMC 3752 Very Light Antique Blue
- DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
- DMC 312 Very Dark Baby Blue
- DMC 503 Medium Blue Green
- DMC 3830 Terra Cotta
- DMC 321 Red
- DMC 310 Black
- DMC 355 Dark Terra Cotta
- DMC 437 Light Tan
- DMC 501 Dark Blue Green