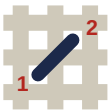
Classic scissor-tailed flycatcher

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 colors



How to read the chart



1. Each square is one tent stitch: up at 1, down at 2. All slant the same way.
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 (DMC 825): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Stitch the picture, then the background, then stray dots. End the thread before crossing another color.
5. A heavier line stands every ten squares: count by them.
6. First time? How to needlepoint.

flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

You will need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm).

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

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

Make it an ornament: board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two extra rows all round, carrying the colors of the edge on: the edge of the board takes them. With those rows, each stitch in the color it lies beside, it takes 4 skeins of DMC 825, not 3. How to finish an ornament.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**825**	Dark Blue	3,659	3
A	**987**	Dark Forest Green	269	1
◆	**310**	Black	225	1
★	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	207	1
▲	**415**	Pearl Gray	169	1
▼	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	165	1
Z	**3011**	Dark Khaki Green	152	1
■	**BLANC**	White	131	1
+	**433**	Medium Brown	79	1
=	**436**	Tan	46	1
X	**352**	Light Coral	44	1
O	**351**	Coral	21	1
❖	**353**	Peach	17	1

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

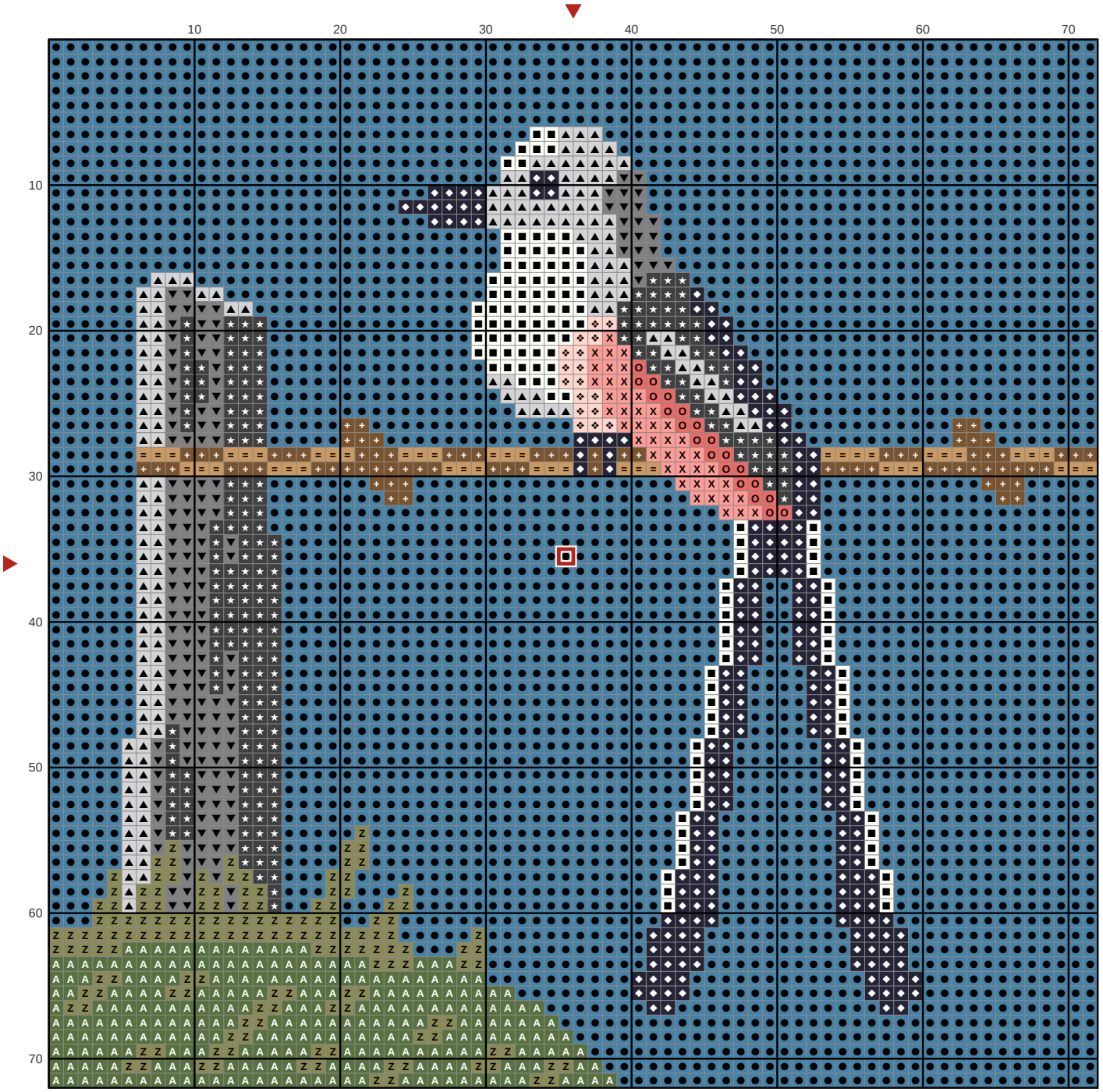
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Needlepoint pattern

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



Key

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