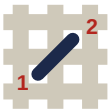
Classic spinning top

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 334): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: 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, 16 colors, about 17 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
●	524	Very Light Fern Green	1,419	2
■	437	Light Tan	897	1
▲	523	Light Fern Green	618	1
◆	334	Medium Baby Blue	357	1
▼	3821	Straw	289	1
★	435	Very Light Brown	286	1
❖	712	Cream	267	1
X	783	Medium Topaz	240	1
H	312	Very Dark Baby Blue	206	1
+	321	Red	157	1
=	350	Medium Coral	154	1
Z	3325	Light Baby Blue	90	1
A	3346	Hunter Green	90	1
V	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	70	1
T	815	Medium Garnet	39	1
N	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	5	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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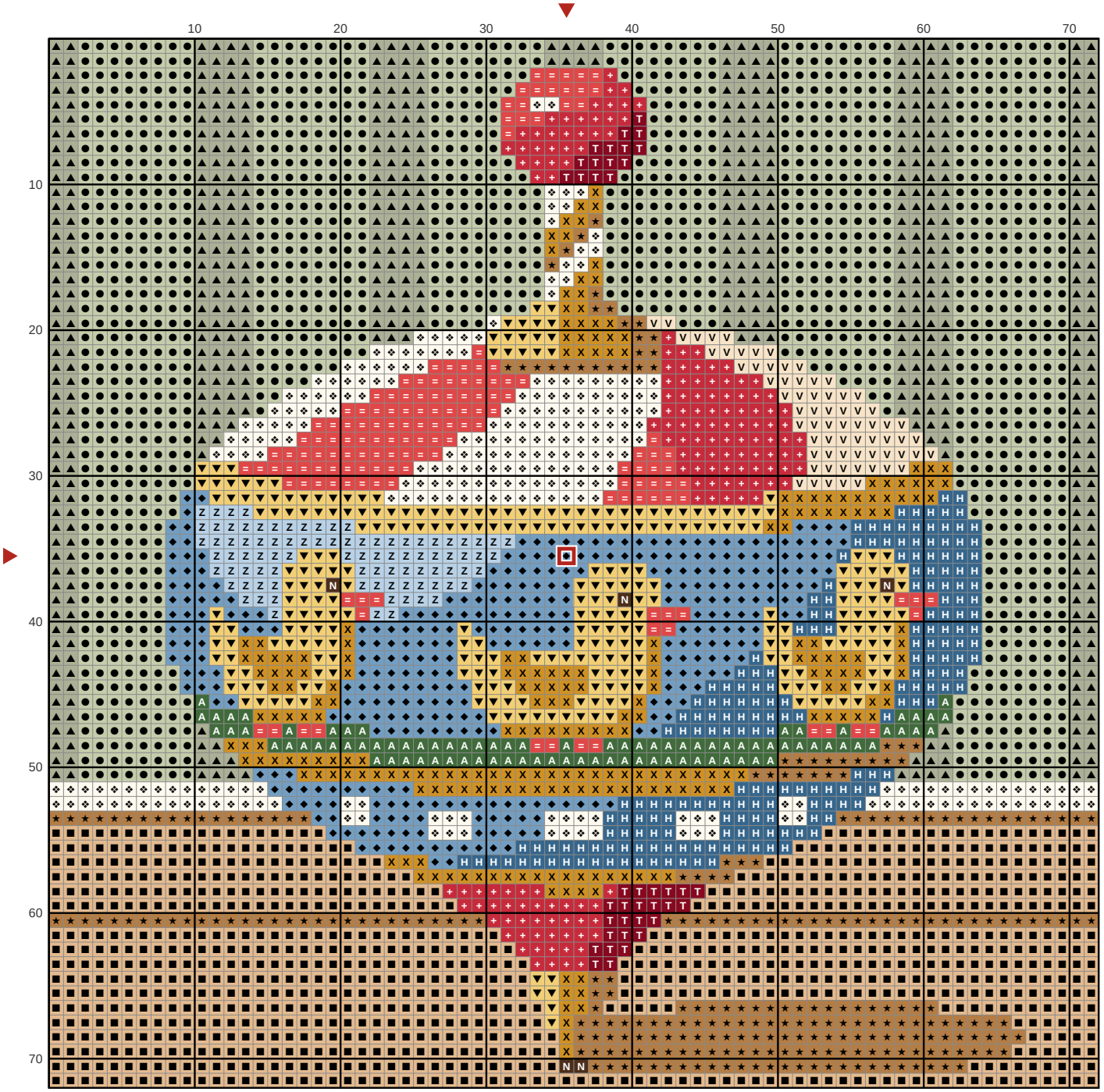
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 524** Very Light Fern Green
- ■ **DMC 437** Light Tan
- ▲ **DMC 523** Light Fern Green
- ◆ **DMC 334** Medium Baby Blue
- ▼ **DMC 3821** Straw
- ★ **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- ❖ **DMC 712** Cream
- X **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- H **DMC 312** Very Dark Baby Blue
- \+ **DMC 321** Red
- = **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- Z **DMC 3325** Light Baby Blue
- A **DMC 3346** Hunter Green
- V **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- T **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- N **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown