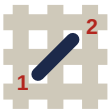
Deep sea fishing boat and blue marlin

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 BLANC): 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, 12 colors, about 14 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				stitches	skeins
●	**813**	Light Blue	2,794	3	Z	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	88	1
=	**825**	Dark Blue	802	1	■	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	80	1
▲	**BLANC**	White	650	1	★	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	68	1
▼	**797**	Royal Blue	391	1	H	**435**	Very Light Brown	48	1
❖	**800**	Pale Delft Blue	109	1	+	**597**	Turquoise	38	1
◆	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	104	1	X	**809**	Delft Blue	12	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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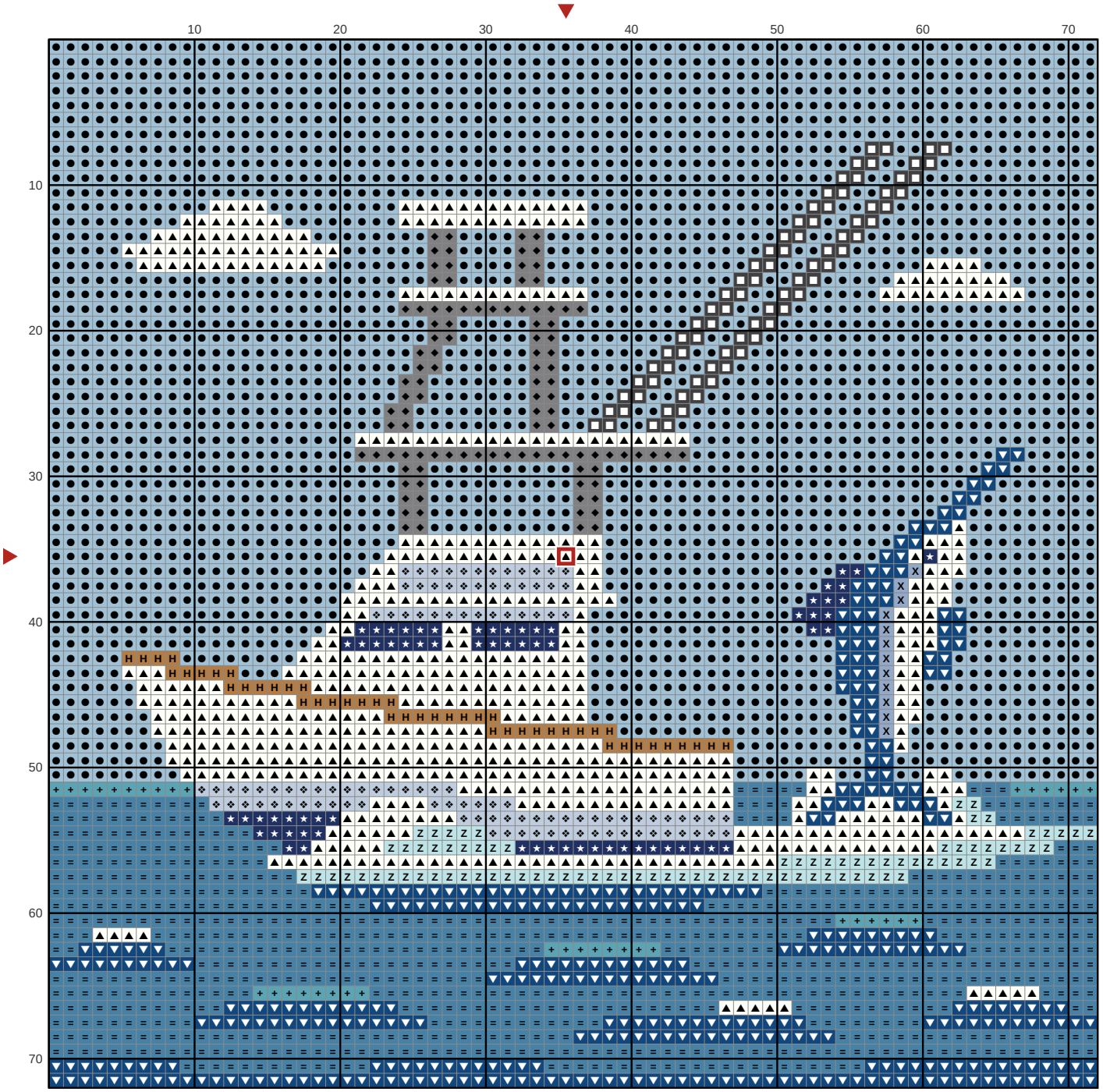
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 813** Light Blue
- = **DMC 825** Dark Blue
- ▲ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▼ **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- ❖ **DMC 800** Pale Delft Blue
- ◆ **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
- Z **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- ■ **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- ★ **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- H **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- \+ **DMC 597** Turquoise
- X **DMC 809** Delft Blue