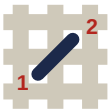
Classic striped bass

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 3799): 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, 15 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
□	797	Royal Blue	2,667	3
V	738	Very Light Tan	698	1
●	825	Dark Blue	514	1
T	436	Tan	186	1
▼	3011	Dark Khaki Green	175	1
A	3812	Very Dark Seagreen	166	1
◆	522	Fern Green	162	1
X	415	Pearl Gray	149	1
★	3799	Very Dark Pewter Gray	148	1
=	BLANC	White	122	1
▲	987	Dark Forest Green	112	1
Z	809	Delft Blue	42	1
H	414	Dark Steel Gray	31	1
❖	726	Light Topaz	8	1
+	310	Black	4	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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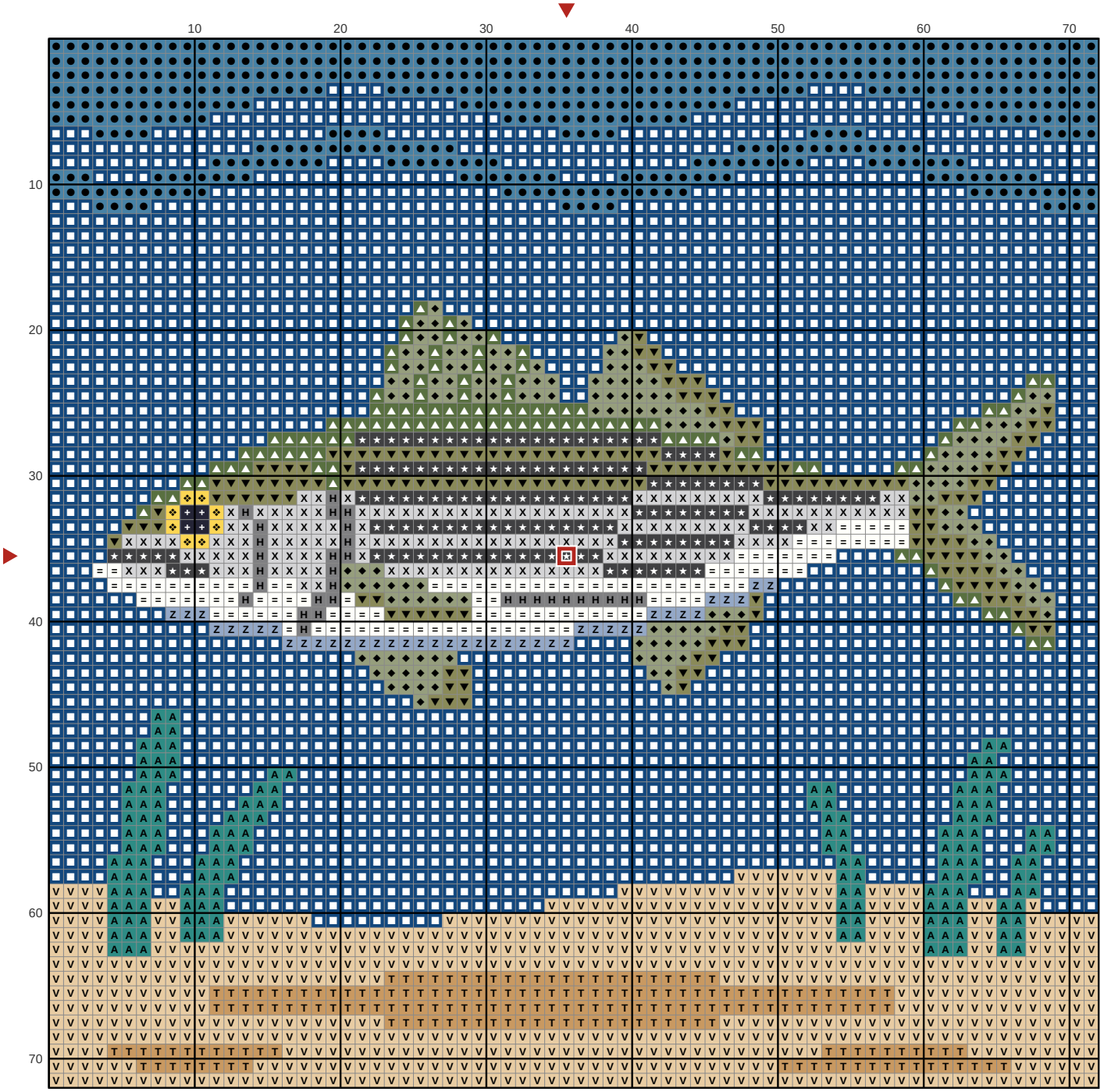
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

■	**DMC 797** Royal Blue	A	**DMC 3812** Very Dark Seagreen	▲	**DMC 987** Dark Forest Green
V	**DMC 738** Very Light Tan	◆	**DMC 522** Fern Green	Z	**DMC 809** Delft Blue
●	**DMC 825** Dark Blue	X	**DMC 415** Pearl Gray	H	**DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
T	**DMC 436** Tan	★	**DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray	❖	**DMC 726** Light Topaz
▼	**DMC 3011** Dark Khaki Green	=	**DMC BLANC** White	+	**DMC 310** Black