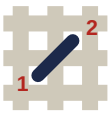
Classic suitcase

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 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 436): 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 in DMC 825: 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, 14 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				stitches	skeins
●	**825**	Dark Blue	3,222	3	Z	**726**	Light Topaz	68	1
★	**436**	Tan	704	1	+	**666**	Bright Red	53	1
▲	**433**	Medium Brown	336	1	▼	**738**	Very Light Tan	52	1
■	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	260	1	=	**813**	Light Blue	33	1
◆	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	179	1	A	**797**	Royal Blue	33	1
H	**BLANC**	White	124	1	V	**702**	Kelly Green	26	1
❖	**783**	Medium Topaz	88	1	X	**782**	Dark Topaz	6	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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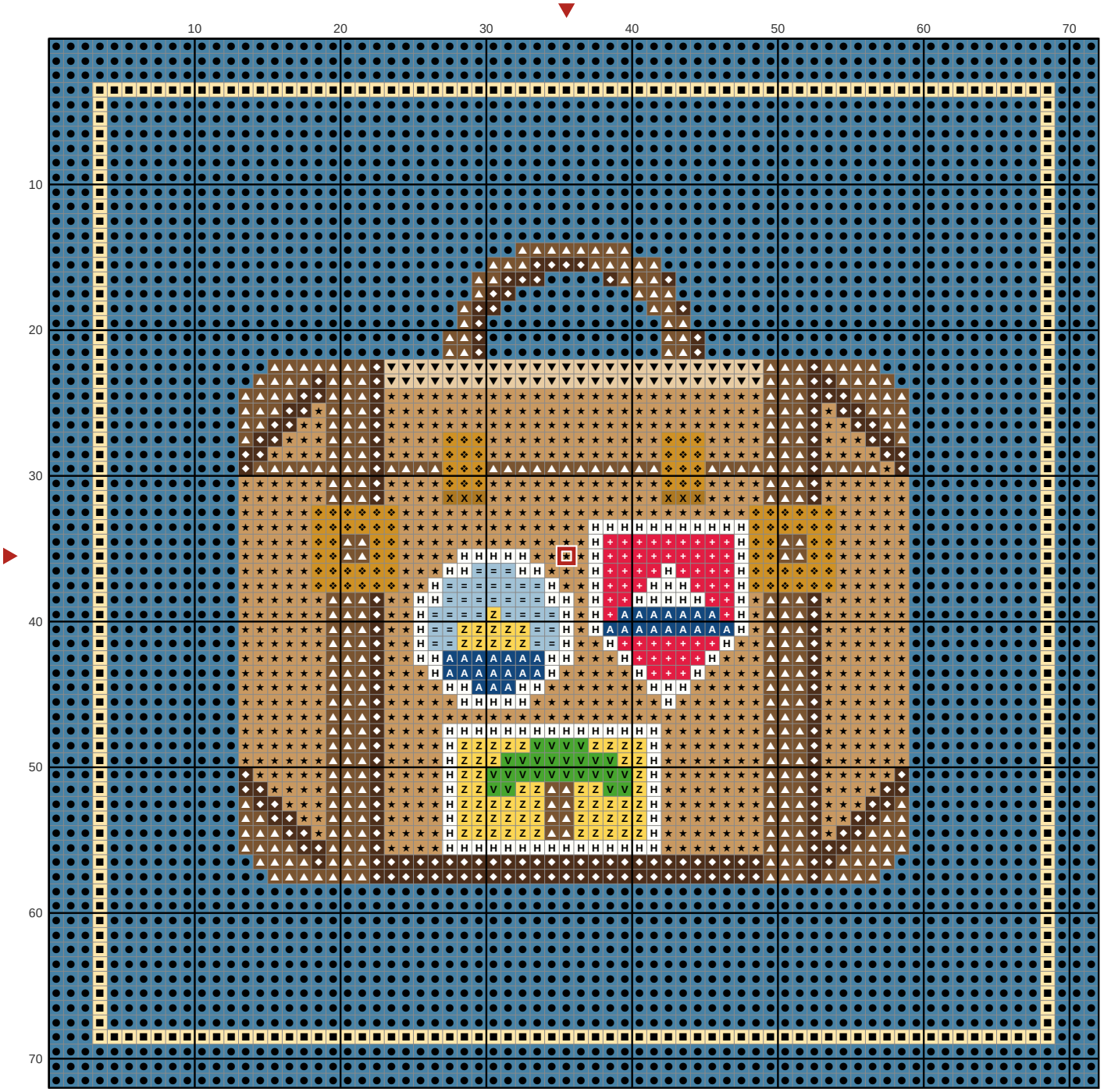
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 825** Dark Blue
- ★ **DMC 436** Tan
- ▲ **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- ■ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- ◆ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- H **DMC BLANC** White
- ❖ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- Z **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- \+ **DMC 666** Bright Red
- ▼ **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- = **DMC 813** Light Blue
- A **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- V **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- X **DMC 782** Dark Topaz