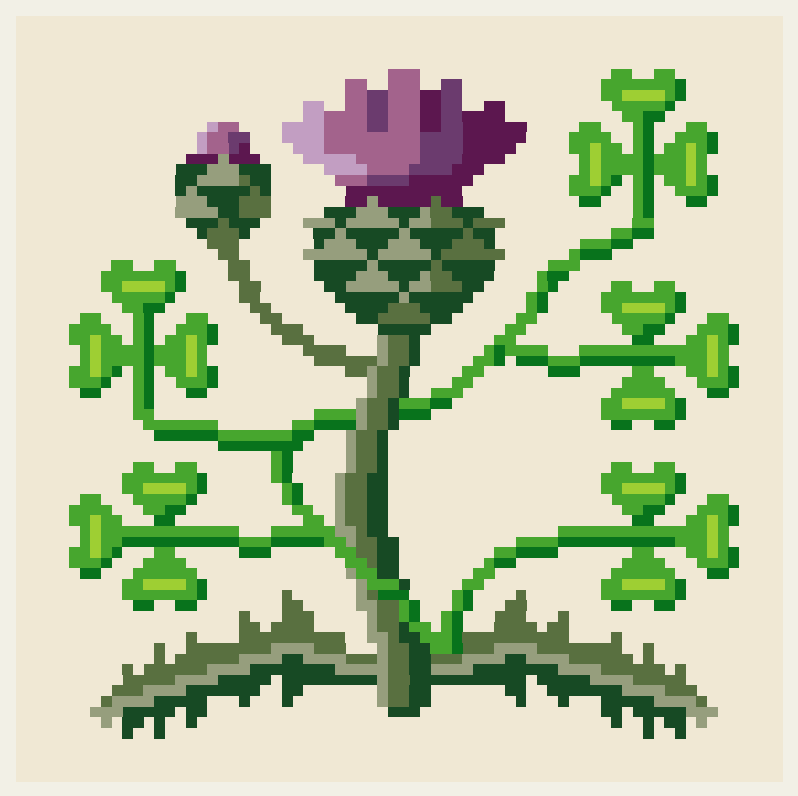
Classic thistle and shamrock

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC ECRU**	Ecru	3,492	24	3
▲	**DMC 702**	Kelly Green	494	4	1
+	**DMC 890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	284	2	1
=	**DMC 987**	Dark Forest Green	266	2	1
▼	**DMC 700**	Bright Green	209	2	1
O	**DMC 522**	Fern Green	171	2	1
★	**DMC 550**	Very Dark Violet	71	1	1
□	**DMC 553**	Violet	69	1	1
❖	**DMC 704**	Bright Chartreuse	60	1	1
◆	**DMC 3837**	Ultra Dark Lavender	41	1	1
X	**DMC 210**	Medium Lavender	27	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 13 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 11 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 11 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and 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 (about 41 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

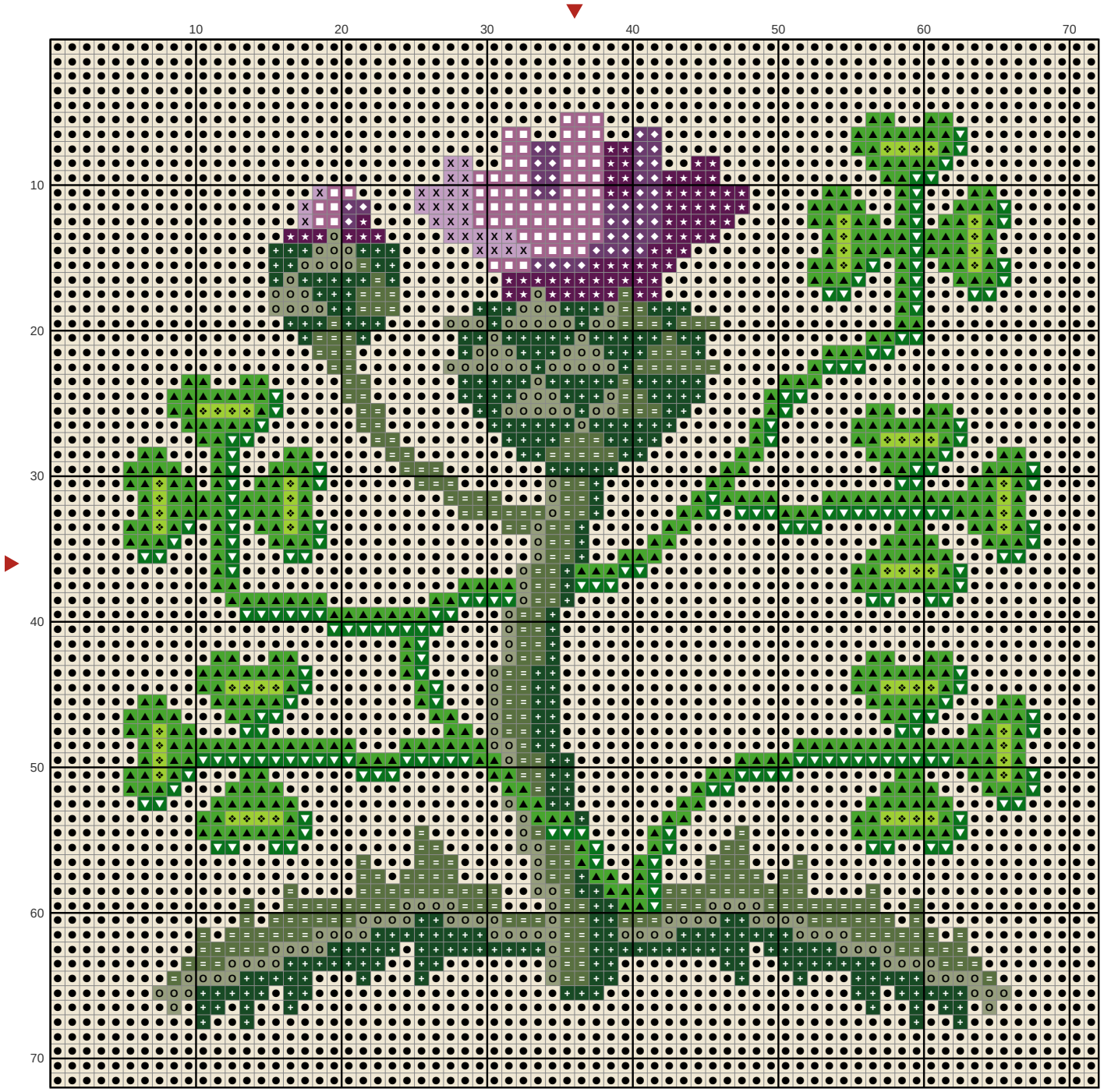
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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