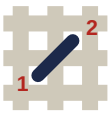
Classic woodpecker

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 433): 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, 13 colors, about 15 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
●	**435**	Very Light Brown	1,581	2
▼	**955**	Light Nile Green	1,367	2
□	**433**	Medium Brown	759	1
❖	**310**	Black	503	1
+	**BLANC**	White	366	1
▲	**738**	Very Light Tan	310	1
Z	**415**	Pearl Gray	105	1
★	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	66	1
◆	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	48	1
A	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	40	1
X	**666**	Bright Red	16	1
=	**931**	Medium Antique Blue	14	1
H	**498**	Dark Red	9	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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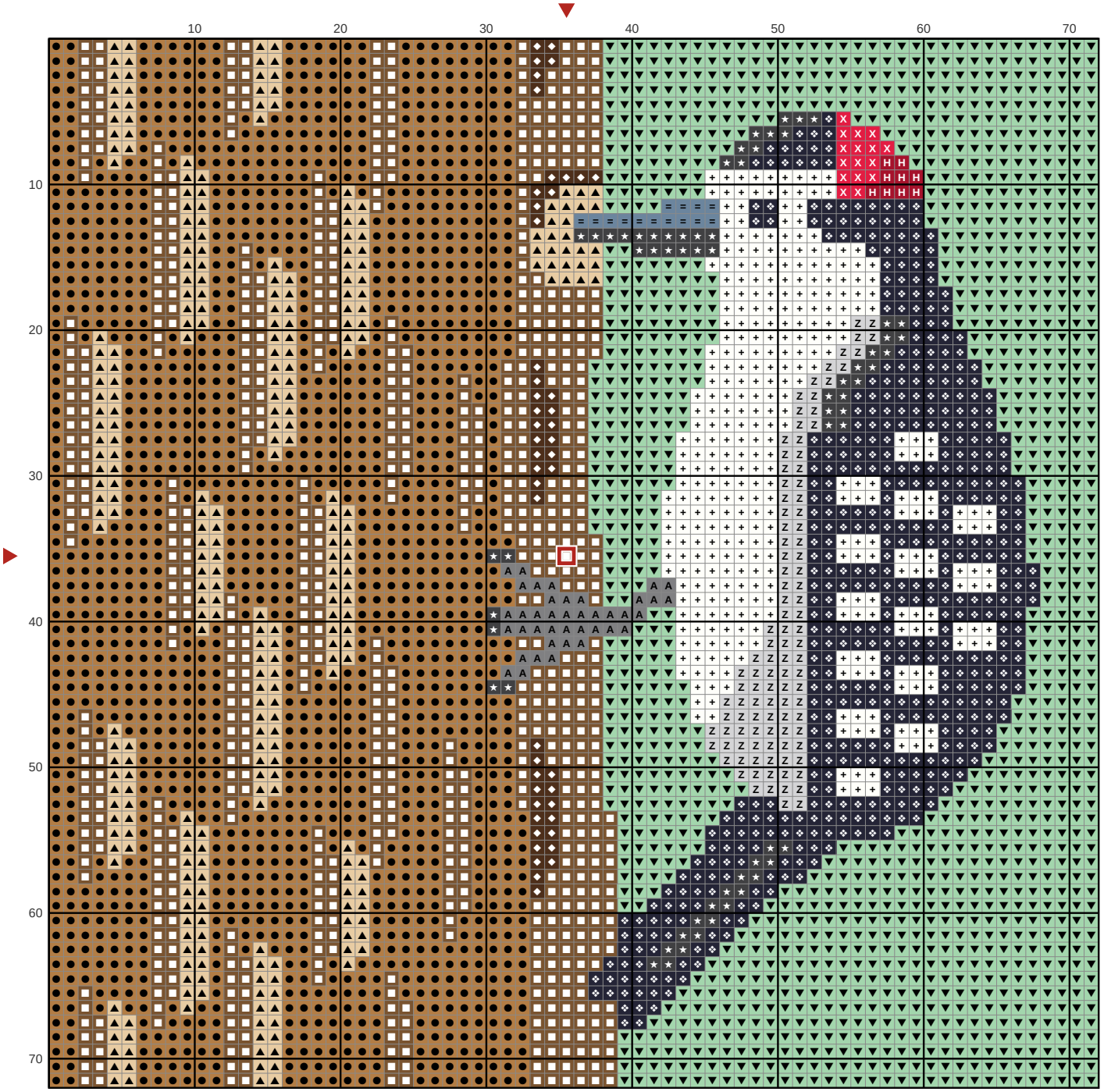
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- ▼ **DMC 955** Light Nile Green
- □ **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- ❖ **DMC 310** Black
- \+ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▲ **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- Z **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
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