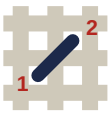
Folk art baby Jesus in a painted manger

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 783): 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 321: 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 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
●	**321**	Red	1,535	2
■	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,232	1
▲	**783**	Medium Topaz	599	1
◆	**712**	Cream	565	1
▼	**3755**	Baby Blue	473	1
★	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	288	1
❖	**3345**	Dark Hunter Green	158	1
X	**3064**	Desert Sand	134	1
H	**815**	Medium Garnet	98	1
+	**703**	Chartreuse	40	1
=	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	34	1
Z	**3371**	Black Brown	20	1
A	**3328**	Dark Salmon	8	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.

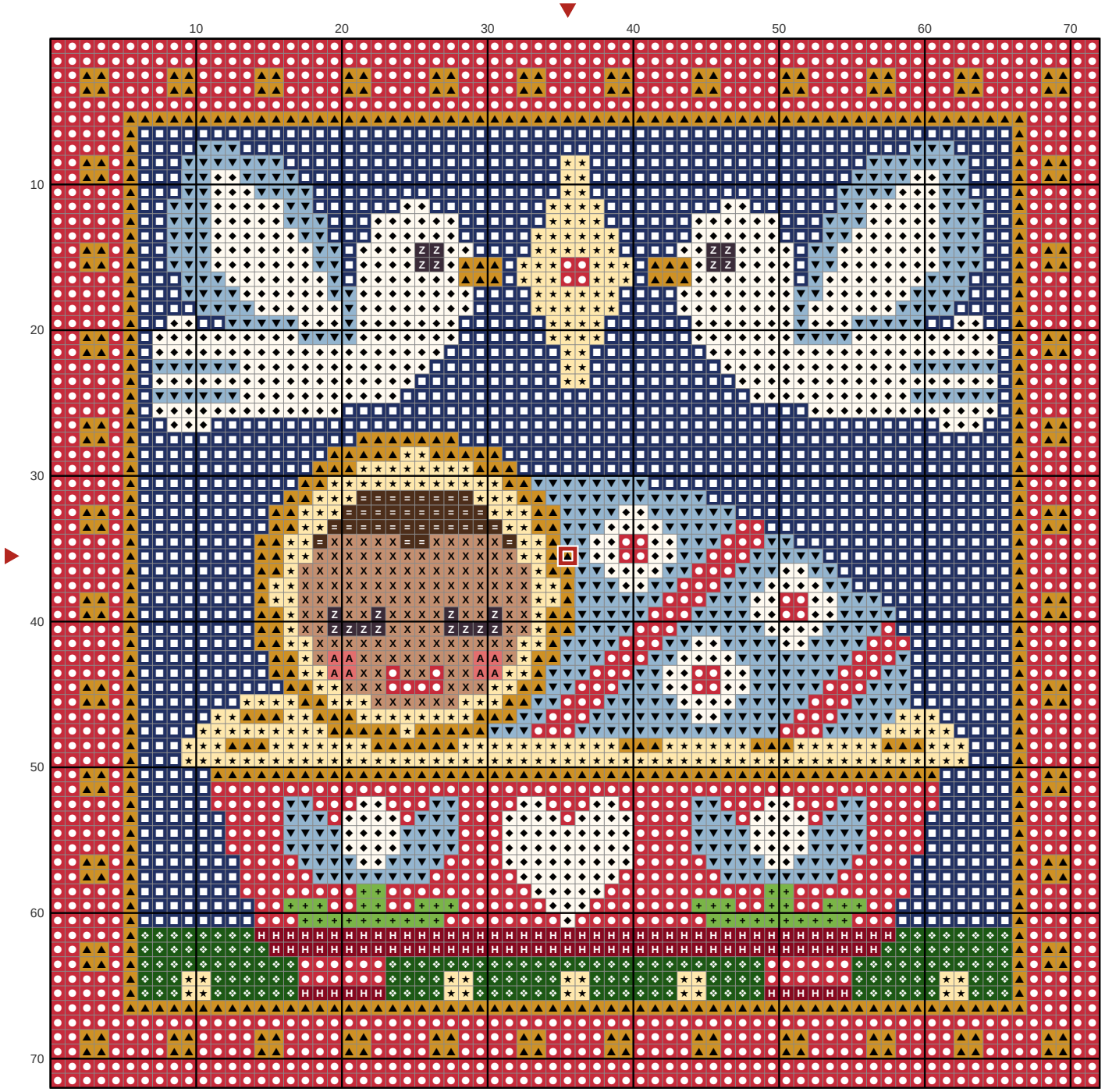
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Needlepoint pattern

Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 321** Red
- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 3755** Baby Blue
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 3345** Dark Hunter Green
- **DMC 3064** Desert Sand
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 703** Chartreuse
- **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- **DMC 3328** Dark Salmon