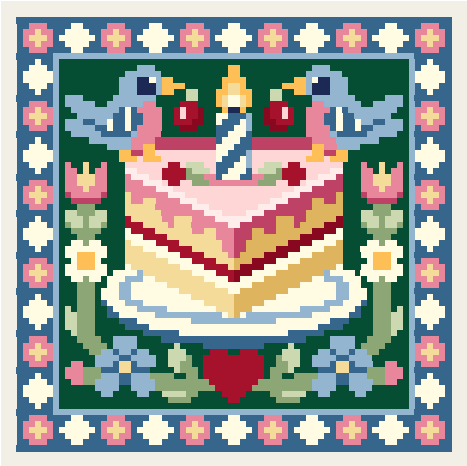
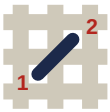
Folk art slice of birthday cake

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 3733): 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 312: 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, 16 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
●	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	1,016	1
■	**312**	Very Dark Baby Blue	981	2
▲	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	753	1
◆	**3755**	Baby Blue	588	1
▼	**3733**	Dusty Rose	514	1
★	**3822**	Light Straw	272	1
❖	**989**	Forest Green	218	1
X	**498**	Dark Red	150	1
H	**963**	Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	144	1
+	**3820**	Dark Straw	138	1
=	**3350**	Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	118	1
Z	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	92	1
A	**742**	Light Tangerine	78	1
V	**819**	Light Baby Pink	54	1
T	**815**	Medium Garnet	50	1
N	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	18	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 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- **DMC 312** Very Dark Baby Blue
- **DMC 3823** Ultra Pale Yellow
- **DMC 3755** Baby Blue
- **DMC 3733** Dusty Rose
- **DMC 3822** Light Straw
- **DMC 989** Forest Green
- **DMC 498** Dark Red
- **DMC 963** Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
- **DMC 3820** Dark Straw
- **DMC 3350** Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
- **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- **DMC 742** Light Tangerine
- **DMC 819** Light Baby Pink
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue