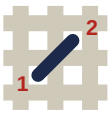
Folk art Christmas truck

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 351): 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 815: 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, 12 colors, about 13 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
●	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	1,256	1
■	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	940	1
▲	**815**	Medium Garnet	686	2
◆	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	517	1
▼	**3820**	Dark Straw	467	1
★	**321**	Red	435	1
❖	**351**	Coral	221	1
X	**3841**	Pale Baby Blue	201	1
H	**703**	Chartreuse	191	1
+	**700**	Bright Green	132	1
=	**322**	Dark Baby Blue	125	1
Z	**782**	Dark Topaz	13	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 939 Very Dark Navy Blue
- DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
- DMC 815 Medium Garnet
- DMC 890 Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- DMC 3820 Dark Straw
- DMC 321 Red
- DMC 351 Coral
- DMC 3841 Pale Baby Blue
- DMC 703 Chartreuse
- DMC 700 Bright Green
- DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue
- DMC 782 Dark Topaz