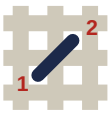
Folk art goldfinches

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 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 987): 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 813: 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, 11 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
●	**813**	Light Blue	2,934	3
❖	**987**	Dark Forest Green	734	1
▼	**973**	Bright Canary	590	1
◆	**310**	Black	424	1
=	**905**	Dark Parrot Green	132	1
★	**970**	Light Pumpkin	104	1
□	**208**	Very Dark Lavender	68	1
H	**BLANC**	White	68	1
+	**783**	Medium Topaz	66	1
▲	**550**	Very Dark Violet	44	1
X	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	20	1

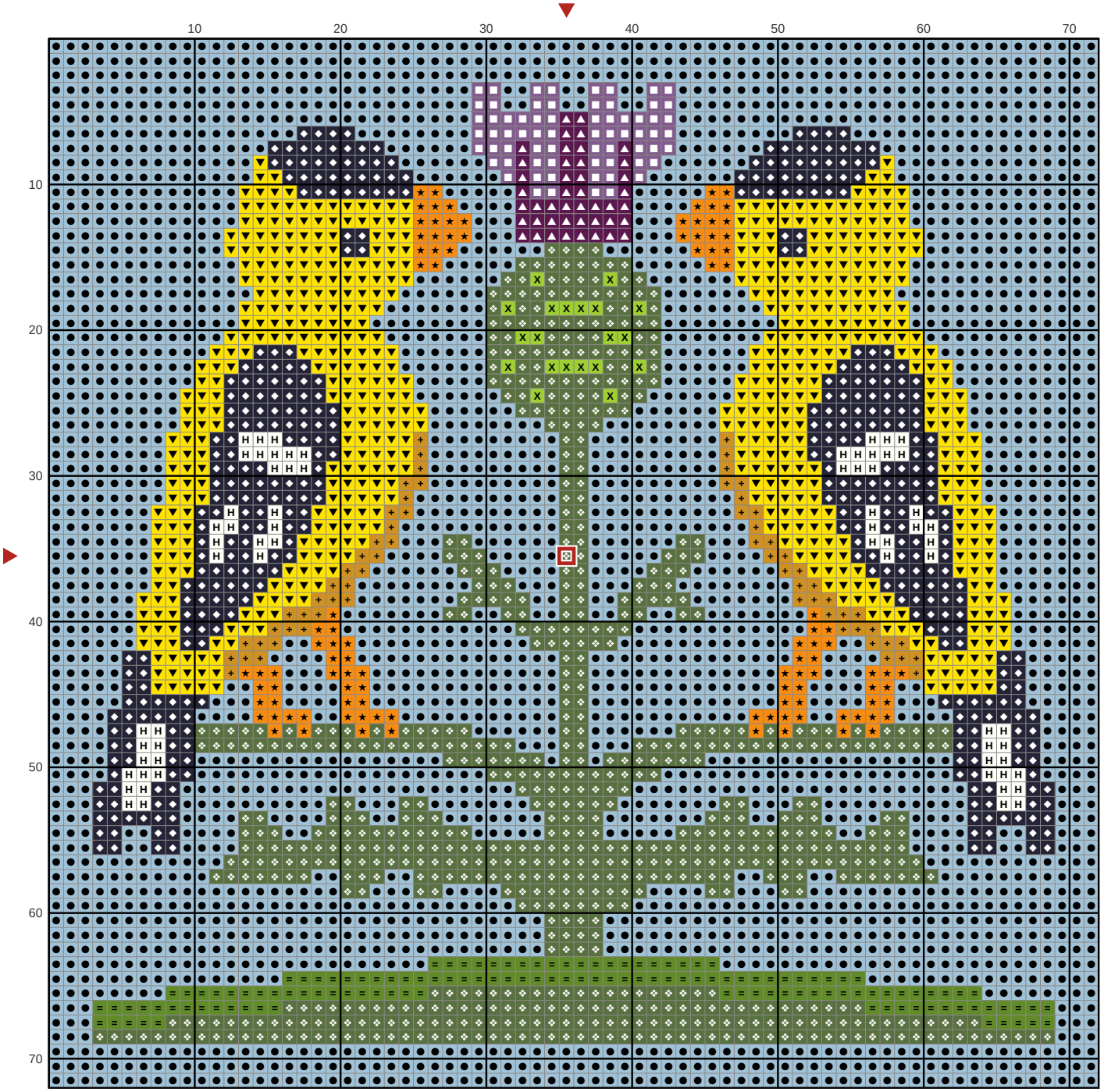
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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 813** Light Blue
- **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green
- **DMC 973** Bright Canary
- **DMC 310** Black
- **DMC 905** Dark Parrot Green
- **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- **DMC 208** Very Dark Lavender
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 550** Very Dark Violet
- **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse