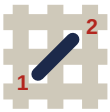
Folk art gourds

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 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 3371): 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, 15 colors, about 16 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	2,020	2
■	**3363**	Medium Pine Green	520	1
▲	**3820**	Dark Straw	402	1
◆	**3362**	Dark Pine Green	342	1
▼	**712**	Cream	296	1
★	**782**	Dark Topaz	296	1
❖	**347**	Very Dark Salmon	256	1
X	**433**	Medium Brown	214	1
H	**3853**	Dark Autumn Gold	196	1
+	**921**	Copper	180	1
=	**677**	Very Light Old Gold	178	1
Z	**436**	Tan	94	1
A	**3371**	Black Brown	72	1
V	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	66	1
T	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	52	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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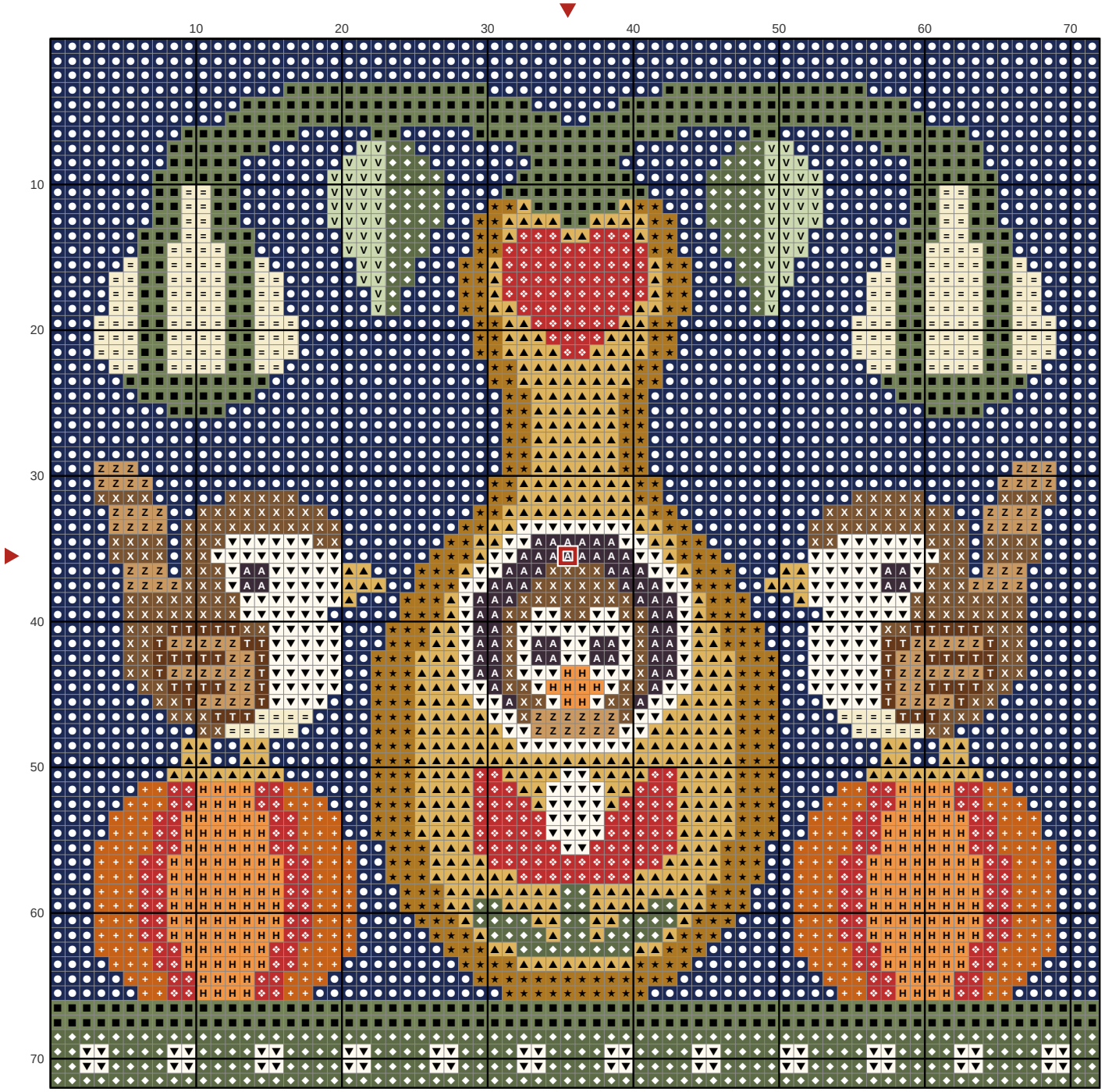
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 3363** Medium Pine Green
- **DMC 3820** Dark Straw
- **DMC 3362** Dark Pine Green
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- **DMC 347** Very Dark Salmon
- **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- **DMC 3853** Dark Autumn Gold
- **DMC 921** Copper
- **DMC 677** Very Light Old Gold
- **DMC 436** Tan
- **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown