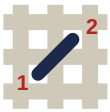
Folk art hen with Easter eggs

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 350): 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 3809: 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 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
●	**712**	Cream	1,424	2
□	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	1,028	2
▲	**783**	Medium Topaz	554	1
◆	**3834**	Dark Grape	499	1
▼	**470**	Light Avocado Green	445	1
★	**3822**	Light Straw	349	1
❖	**350**	Medium Coral	338	1
X	**353**	Peach	185	1
H	**3836**	Light Grape	106	1
+	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	94	1
=	**817**	Very Dark Coral Red	92	1
Z	**937**	Medium Avocado Green	48	1
A	**781**	Very Dark Topaz	13	1
V	**154**	Very Dark Grape	8	1
T	**BLANC**	White	1	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 712** Cream
- ★ **DMC 3822** Light Straw
- = **DMC 817** Very Dark Coral Red
- ■ **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- ❖ **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- Z **DMC 937** Medium Avocado Green
- ▲ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- X **DMC 353** Peach
- A **DMC 781** Very Dark Topaz
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