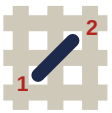
Folk art hot air balloon

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 347): 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 939: 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
●	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	2,288	3
■	**712**	Cream	570	1
▲	**347**	Very Dark Salmon	556	1
◆	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	536	1
▼	**3852**	Very Dark Straw	378	1
★	**598**	Light Turquoise	324	1
❖	**3830**	Terra Cotta	218	1
X	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	128	1
H	**3856**	Ultra Very Light Mahogany	82	1
+	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	54	1
=	**815**	Medium Garnet	50	1

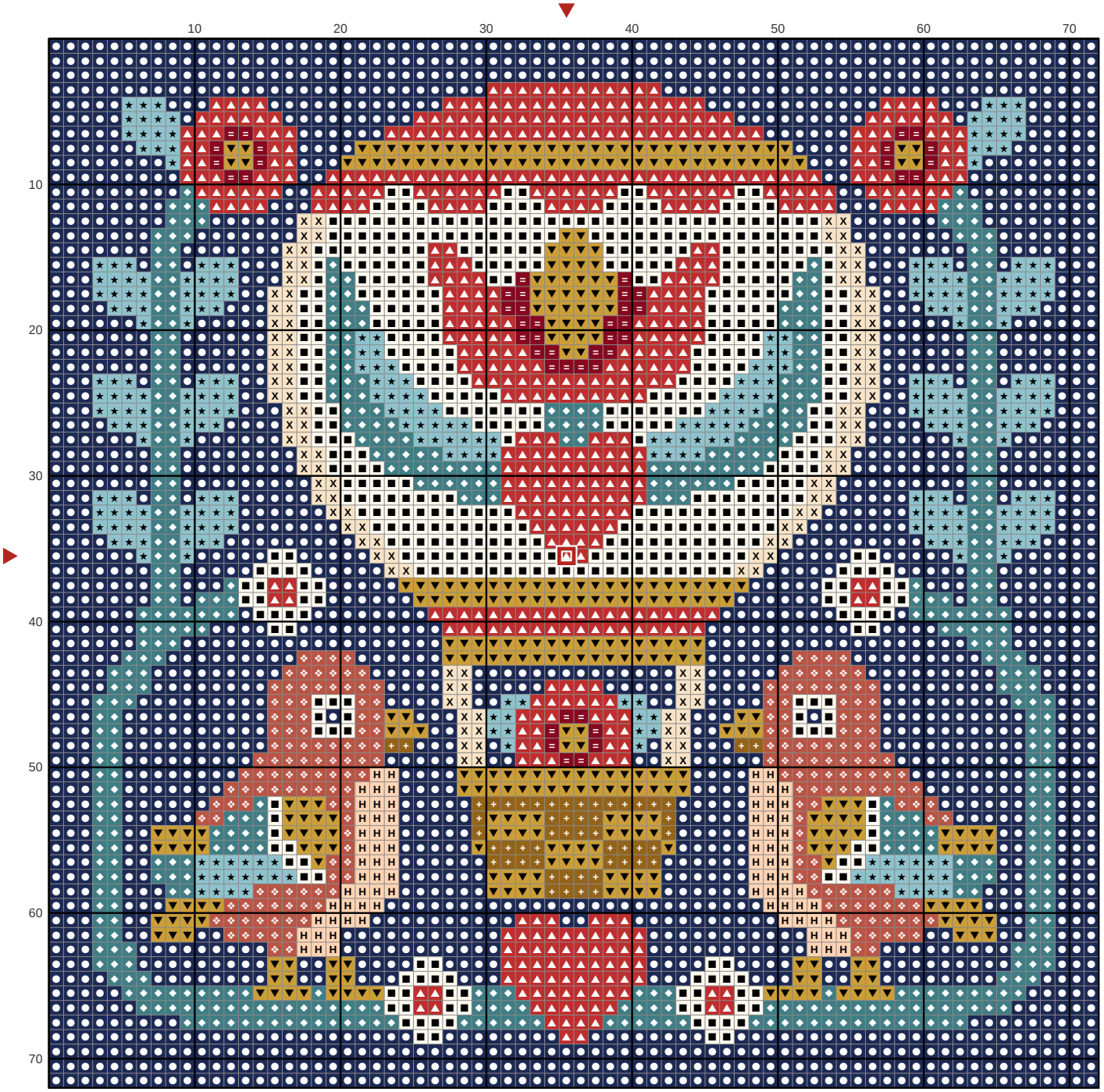
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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 712** Cream
- **DMC 347** Very Dark Salmon
- **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 3852** Very Dark Straw
- **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- **DMC 3830** Terra Cotta
- **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- **DMC 3856** Ultra Very Light Mahogany
- **DMC 780** Ultra Very Dark Topaz
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet