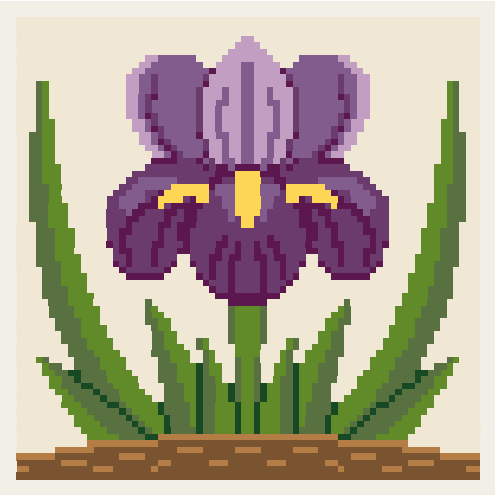
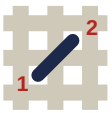
# Folk art iris

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 3837): 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, 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ● | **ECRU** | Ecru | 2,168 | 3 |
| ❖ | **905** | Dark Parrot Green | 596 | 1 |
| ★ | **987** | Dark Forest Green | 556 | 1 |
| ▼ | **3837** | Ultra Dark Lavender | 466 | 1 |
| ▲ | **208** | Very Dark Lavender | 364 | 1 |
| = | **433** | Medium Brown | 302 | 1 |
| ◆ | **550** | Very Dark Violet | 234 | 1 |
| ■ | **210** | Medium Lavender | 224 | 1 |
| + | **435** | Very Light Brown | 124 | 1 |
| H | **890** | Ultra Dark Pistachio Green | 78 | 1 |
| X | **726** | Light Topaz | 72 | 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 ECRU** Ecru
- **DMC 905** Dark Parrot Green
- **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green
- **DMC 3837** Ultra Dark Lavender
- **DMC 208** Very Dark Lavender
- **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- **DMC 550** Very Dark Violet
- **DMC 210** Medium Lavender
- **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- **DMC 726** Light Topaz