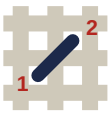
# Folk art ladybug

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 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 783): 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 815: 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, 14 colors, about 15 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ● | 815 | Medium Garnet | 1,392 | 2 |
| ■ | 823 | Dark Navy Blue | 1,026 | 1 |
| ▲ | 783 | Medium Topaz | 654 | 1 |
| ◆ | 310 | Black | 490 | 1 |
| ▼ | 3822 | Light Straw | 346 | 1 |
| ★ | 321 | Red | 246 | 1 |
| ❖ | 3347 | Medium Yellow Green | 180 | 1 |
| X | 351 | Coral | 178 | 1 |
| H | 3841 | Pale Baby Blue | 142 | 1 |
| + | 3346 | Hunter Green | 116 | 1 |
| = | 3348 | Light Yellow Green | 114 | 1 |
| Z | 352 | Light Coral | 108 | 1 |
| A | 334 | Medium Baby Blue | 100 | 1 |
| V | 712 | Cream | 92 | 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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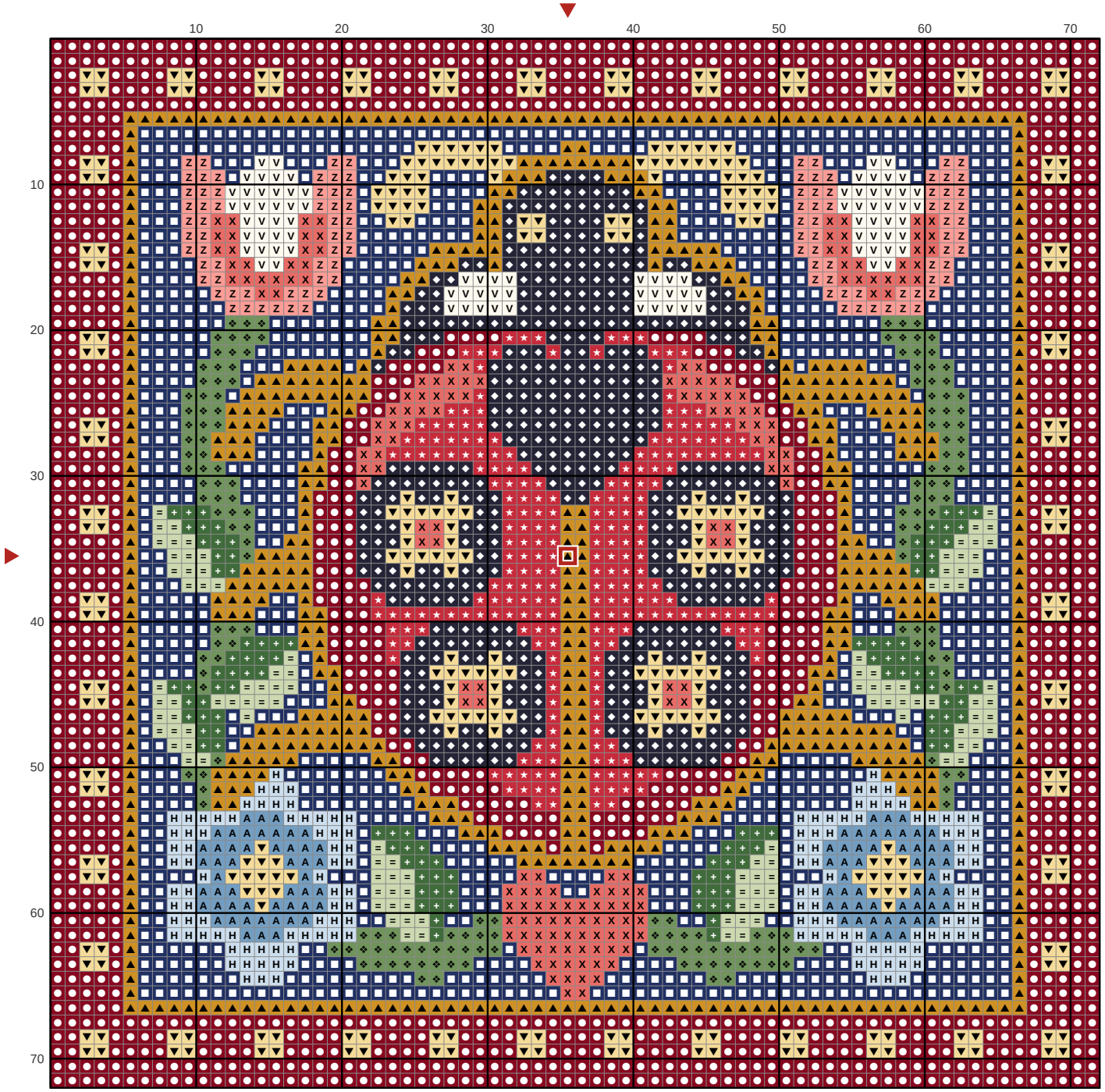
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline




## Key

- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 310** Black
- **DMC 3822** Light Straw
- **DMC 321** Red
- **DMC 3347** Medium Yellow Green
- **DMC 351** Coral
- **DMC 3841** Pale Baby Blue
- **DMC 3346** Hunter Green
- **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 334** Medium Baby Blue
- **DMC 712** Cream