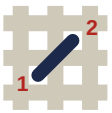
Folk art Leo the lion

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 738): 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 890: 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
●	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	2,252	3
◆	**433**	Medium Brown	752	1
▲	**783**	Medium Topaz	712	1
❖	**728**	Topaz	460	1
★	**920**	Medium Copper	234	1
■	**738**	Very Light Tan	230	1
▼	**BLANC**	White	194	1
X	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	154	1
H	**435**	Very Light Brown	146	1
+	**970**	Light Pumpkin	40	1
=	**310**	Black	10	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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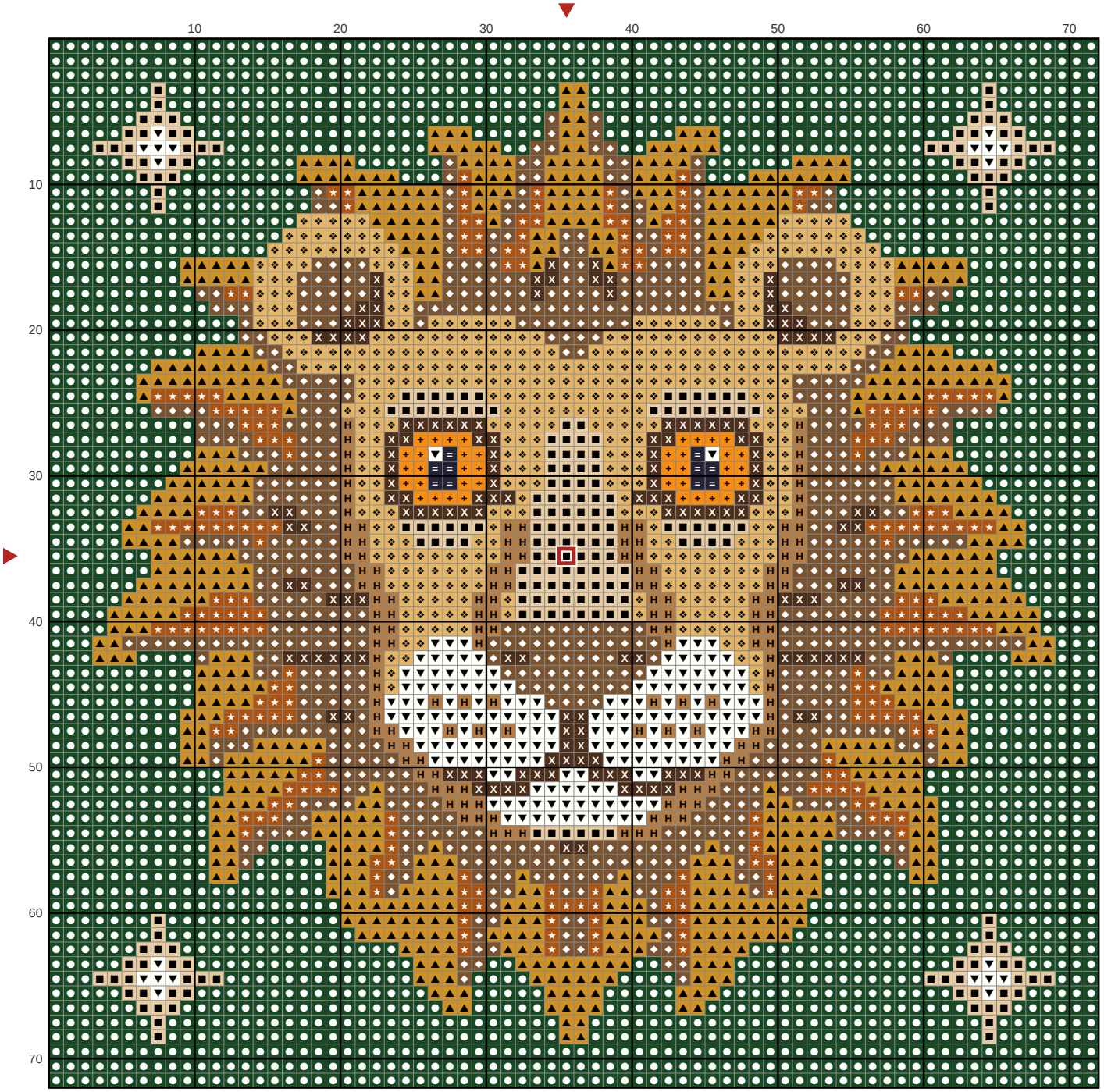
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 728** Topaz
- **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- **DMC 310** Black