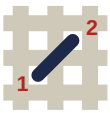
Folk art moving boxes

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 471): 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 823: 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, 12 colors, about 14 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
●	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	2,156	3
■	**436**	Tan	552	1
▲	**471**	Very Light Avocado Green	482	1
◆	**347**	Very Dark Salmon	476	1
▼	**783**	Medium Topaz	338	1
★	**746**	Off White	332	1
❖	**434**	Light Brown	274	1
X	**738**	Very Light Tan	196	1
H	**3346**	Hunter Green	192	1
+	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	128	1
=	**815**	Medium Garnet	50	1
Z	**3822**	Light Straw	8	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 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 436** Tan
- **DMC 471** Very Light Avocado Green
- **DMC 347** Very Dark Salmon
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 746** Off White
- **DMC 434** Light Brown
- **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- **DMC 3346** Hunter Green
- **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 3822** Light Straw