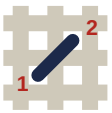
Two plums on a branch

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 931): 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 745: 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
●	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	2,488	3
❖	**3837**	Ultra Dark Lavender	870	1
X	**550**	Very Dark Violet	455	1
▲	**433**	Medium Brown	261	1
+	**931**	Medium Antique Blue	253	1
H	**208**	Very Dark Lavender	231	1
□	**987**	Dark Forest Green	185	1
★	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	164	1
◆	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	102	1
▼	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	102	1
=	**794**	Light Cornflower Blue	73	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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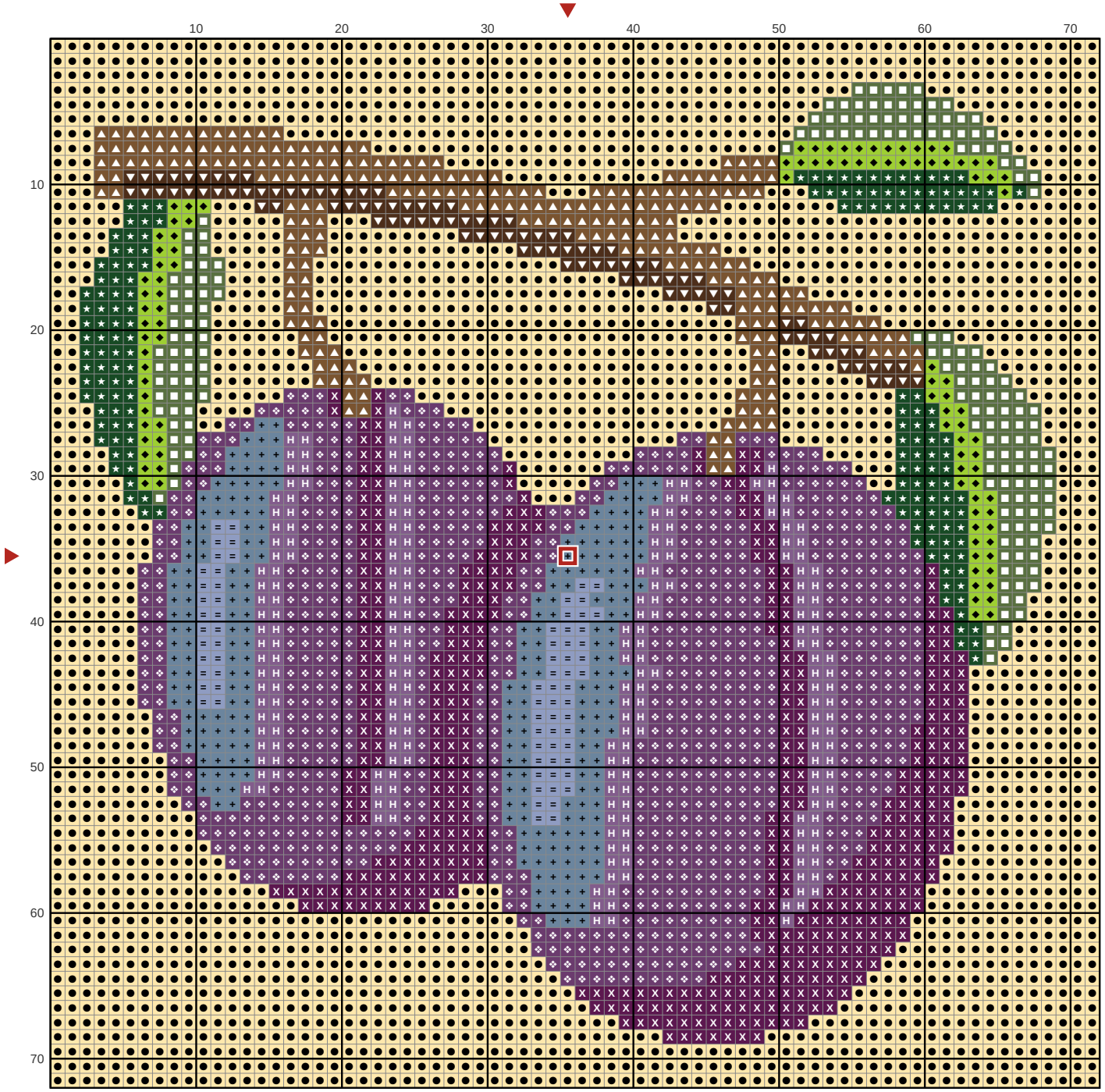
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- ❖ **DMC 3837** Ultra Dark Lavender
- X **DMC 550** Very Dark Violet
- ▲ **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- \+ **DMC 931** Medium Antique Blue
- H **DMC 208** Very Dark Lavender
- ■ **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green
- ★ **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- ◆ **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- ▼ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- = **DMC 794** Light Cornflower Blue