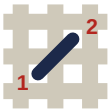
Folk art quetzal

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 10 colors



How to read the chart



1. Each square is one tent stitch: up at 1, down at 2. All slant the same way.
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 (DMC 321): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Stitch the picture, then the background, then stray dots. End the thread before crossing another color.
5. A heavier line stands every ten squares: count by them.
6. First time? How to needlepoint.

flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

You will need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm).

Needle: tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 strands in the needle (5 or 6 if canvas shows), about 12 skeins in all (an estimate).

Make it an ornament: board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two extra rows all round in DMC 3325, the color at its edge: the edge of the board takes them. With those rows it takes 4 skeins of DMC 3325, not 3.
How to finish an ornament.

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 3325**	Light Baby Blue	3,712	3
▼	**DMC 987**	Dark Forest Green	327	1
★	**DMC 909**	Very Dark Emerald Green	317	1
❖	**DMC 433**	Medium Brown	297	1
■	**DMC 702**	Kelly Green	295	1
X	**DMC 321**	Red	105	1
+	**DMC BLANC**	White	42	1
O	**DMC 704**	Bright Chartreuse	41	1
▲	**DMC 310**	Black	34	1
◆	**DMC 726**	Light Topaz	14	1

Skeins are estimates: 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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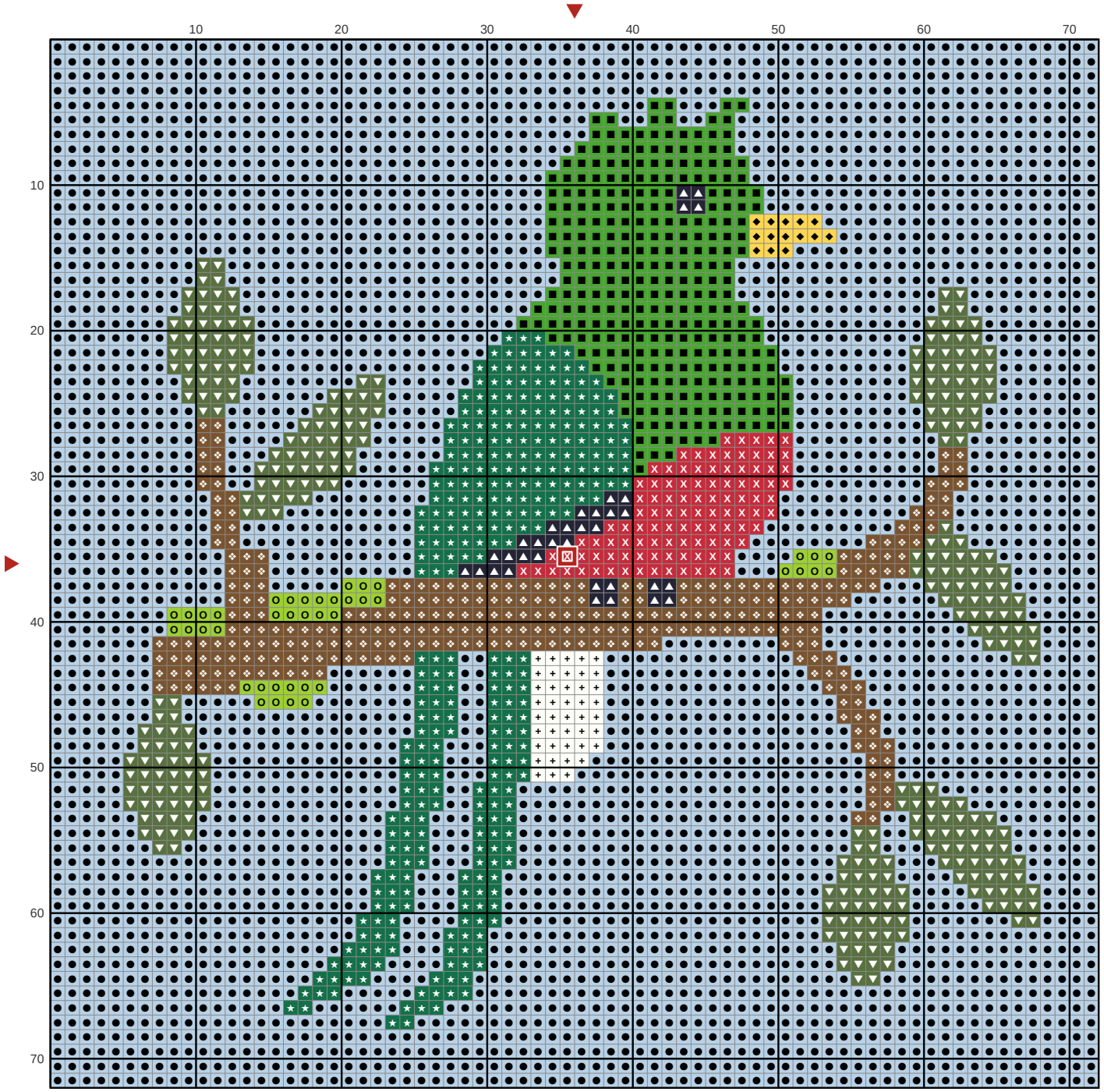
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



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