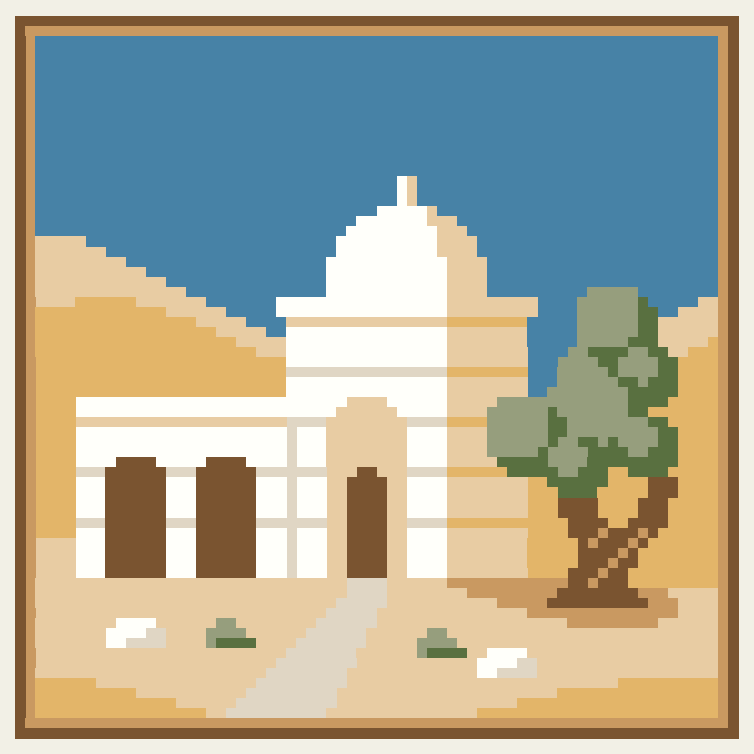
Folk art Rachel's Tomb

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 9 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
▲	**DMC 825**	Dark Blue	1,640	12	2
▼	**DMC 738**	Very Light Tan	1,061	8	1
❖	**DMC 728**	Topaz	589	5	1
◆	**DMC BLANC**	White	554	4	1
●	**DMC 433**	Medium Brown	544	4	1
■	**DMC 436**	Tan	340	3	1
O	**DMC 3033**	Very Light Mocha Brown	181	2	1
★	**DMC 522**	Fern Green	169	2	1
X	**DMC 987**	Dark Forest Green	106	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 10 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 9 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 9 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and 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 (about 41 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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