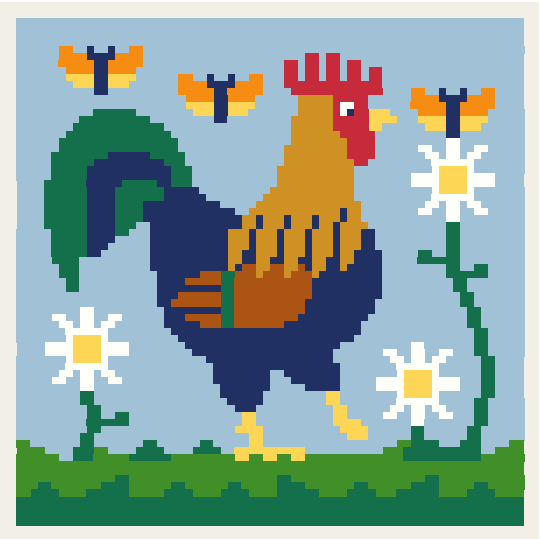
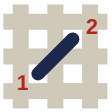
Folk art rooster with butterflies

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 783): 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, carrying the colors of the edge on: the edge of the board takes them. How to finish an ornament.

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 813**	Light Blue	2,554	3
X	**DMC 909**	Very Dark Emerald Green	754	1
▲	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	625	1
+	**DMC 701**	Light Green	357	1
★	**DMC 783**	Medium Topaz	264	1
❖	**DMC BLANC**	White	183	1
▼	**DMC 726**	Light Topaz	146	1
O	**DMC 920**	Medium Copper	112	1
◆	**DMC 321**	Red	99	1
■	**DMC 970**	Light Pumpkin	90	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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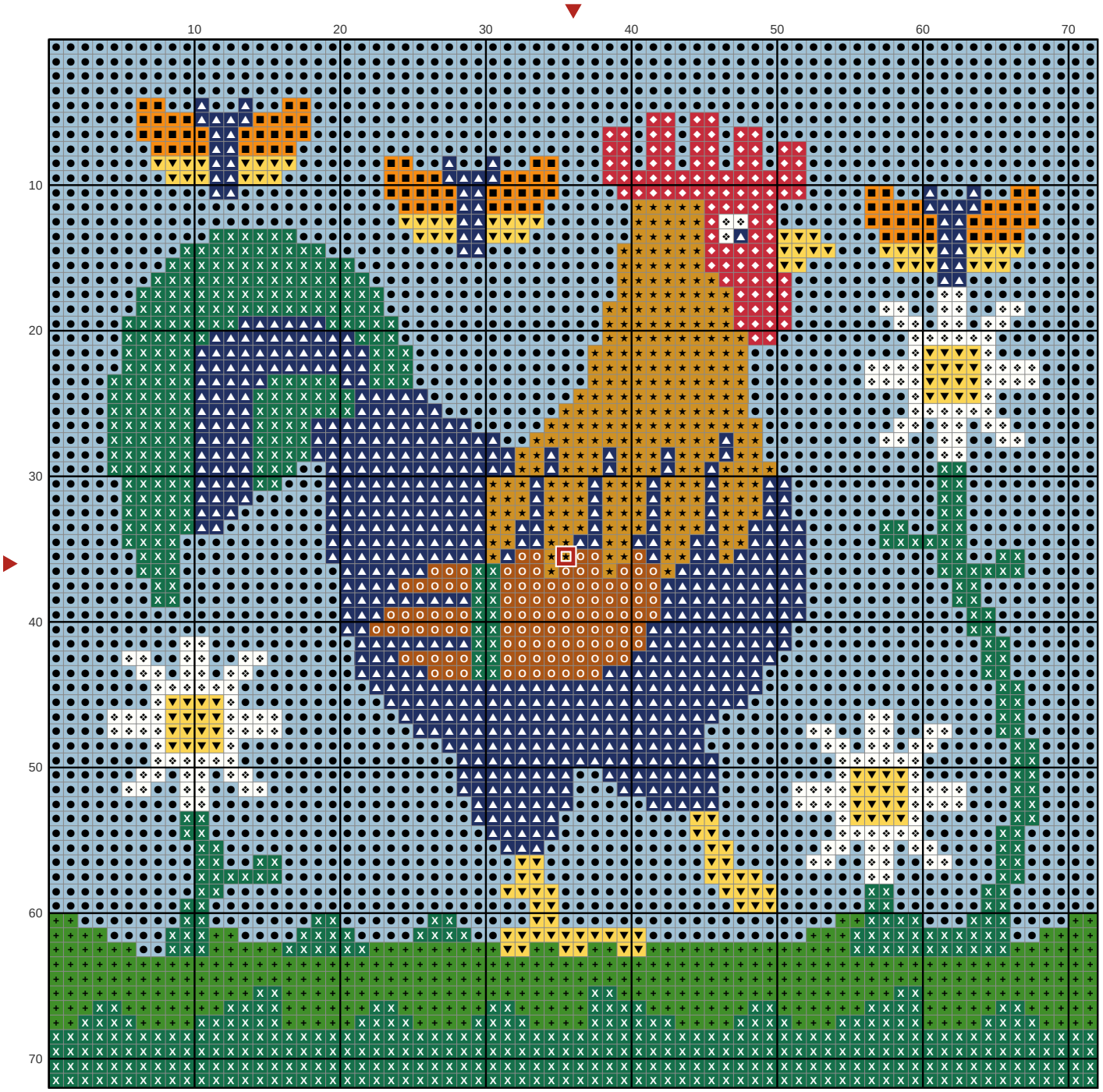

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