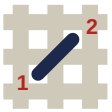
Folk art two turtle doves

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 738): 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 738: 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, 16 colors, about 18 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
●	**738**	Very Light Tan	2,334	3
□	**3781**	Dark Mocha Brown	426	1
▲	**520**	Dark Fern Green	400	1
◆	**522**	Fern Green	276	1
▼	**3727**	Light Antique Mauve	276	1
★	**3371**	Black Brown	248	1
❖	**920**	Medium Copper	222	1
X	**729**	Medium Old Gold	202	1
H	**316**	Medium Antique Mauve	186	1
+	**BLANC**	White	178	1
=	**3777**	Very Dark Terra Cotta	150	1
Z	**318**	Light Steel Gray	126	1
A	**3862**	Dark Mocha Beige	50	1
V	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	46	1
T	**315**	Medium Dark Antique Mauve	42	1
N	**3829**	Very Dark Old Gold	22	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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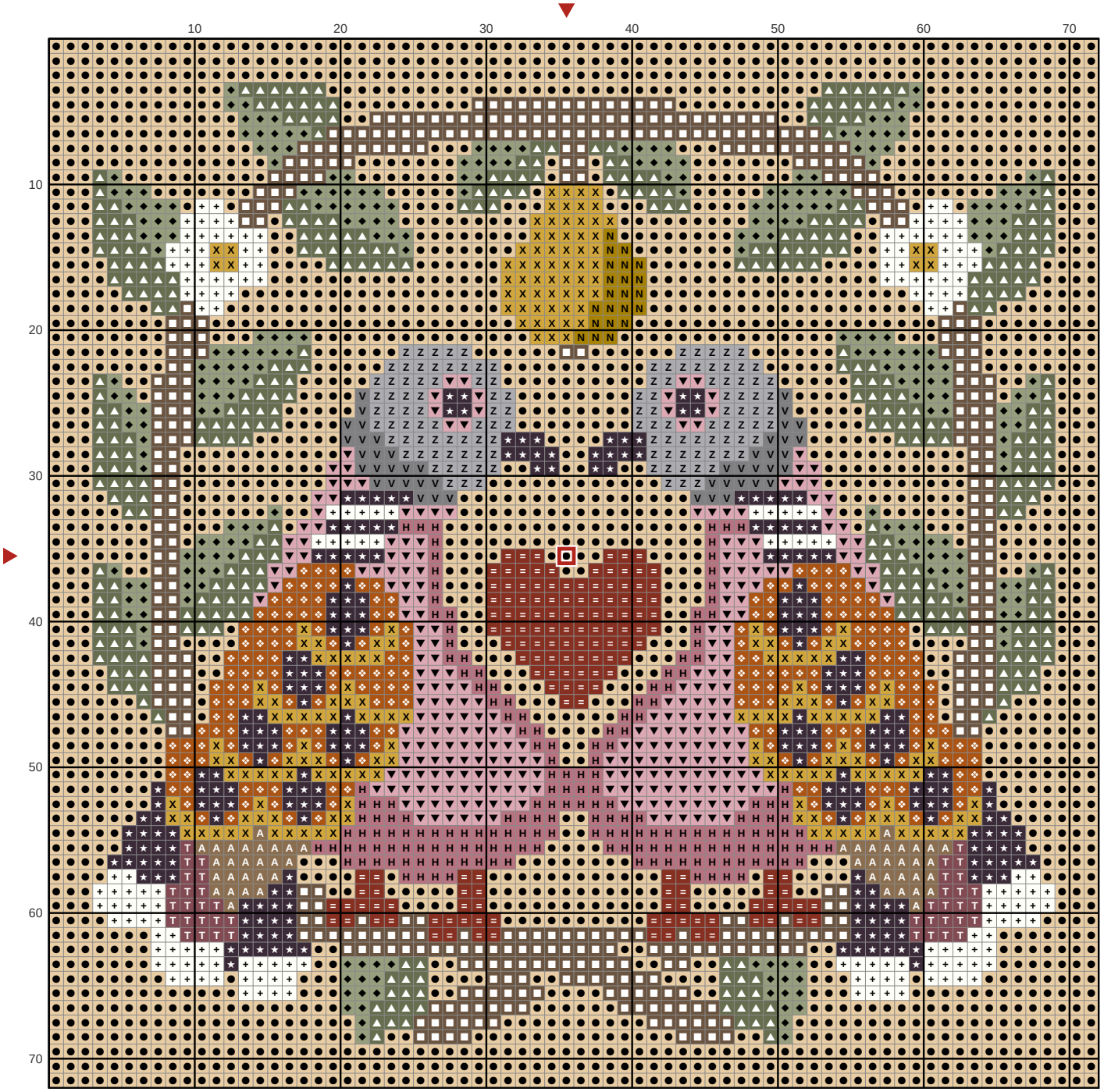
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- ■ **DMC 3781** Dark Mocha Brown
- ▲ **DMC 520** Dark Fern Green
- ◆ **DMC 522** Fern Green
- ▼ **DMC 3727** Light Antique Mauve
- ★ **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- ❖ **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- X **DMC 729** Medium Old Gold
- H **DMC 316** Medium Antique Mauve
- \+ **DMC BLANC** White
- = **DMC 3777** Very Dark Terra Cotta
- Z **DMC 318** Light Steel Gray
- A **DMC 3862** Dark Mocha Beige
- V **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
- T **DMC 315** Medium Dark Antique Mauve
- N **DMC 3829** Very Dark Old Gold