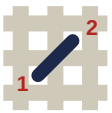
Folk art ball of yarn with two birds

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 815): 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 823: 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, 13 colors, about 15 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
●	823	Dark Navy Blue	2,289	3
■	350	Medium Coral	859	1
▲	725	Medium Light Topaz	350	1
◆	3823	Ultra Pale Yellow	322	1
▼	817	Very Dark Coral Red	261	1
★	351	Coral	259	1
❖	815	Medium Garnet	248	1
X	987	Dark Forest Green	226	1
H	989	Forest Green	130	1
+	352	Light Coral	110	1
=	807	Peacock Blue	88	1
Z	782	Dark Topaz	34	1
A	310	Black	8	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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Needlepoint pattern

Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- **DMC 3823** Ultra Pale Yellow
- **DMC 817** Very Dark Coral Red
- **DMC 351** Coral
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green
- **DMC 989** Forest Green
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 807** Peacock Blue
- **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- **DMC 310** Black