Small Christmas card with two doves

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,462	11	2
■	**DMC 666**	Bright Red	1,128	8	1
▲	**DMC BLANC**	White	1,006	7	1
◆	**DMC 932**	Light Antique Blue	538	4	1
▼	**DMC 3820**	Dark Straw	340	3	1
★	**DMC 3753**	Ultra Very Light Antique Blue	200	2	1
❖	**DMC 703**	Chartreuse	172	2	1
X	**DMC 931**	Medium Antique Blue	126	1	1
O	**DMC 699**	Green	118	1	1
+	**DMC 701**	Light Green	70	1	1
=	**DMC 745**	Light Pale Yellow	24	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 12 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 11 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 11 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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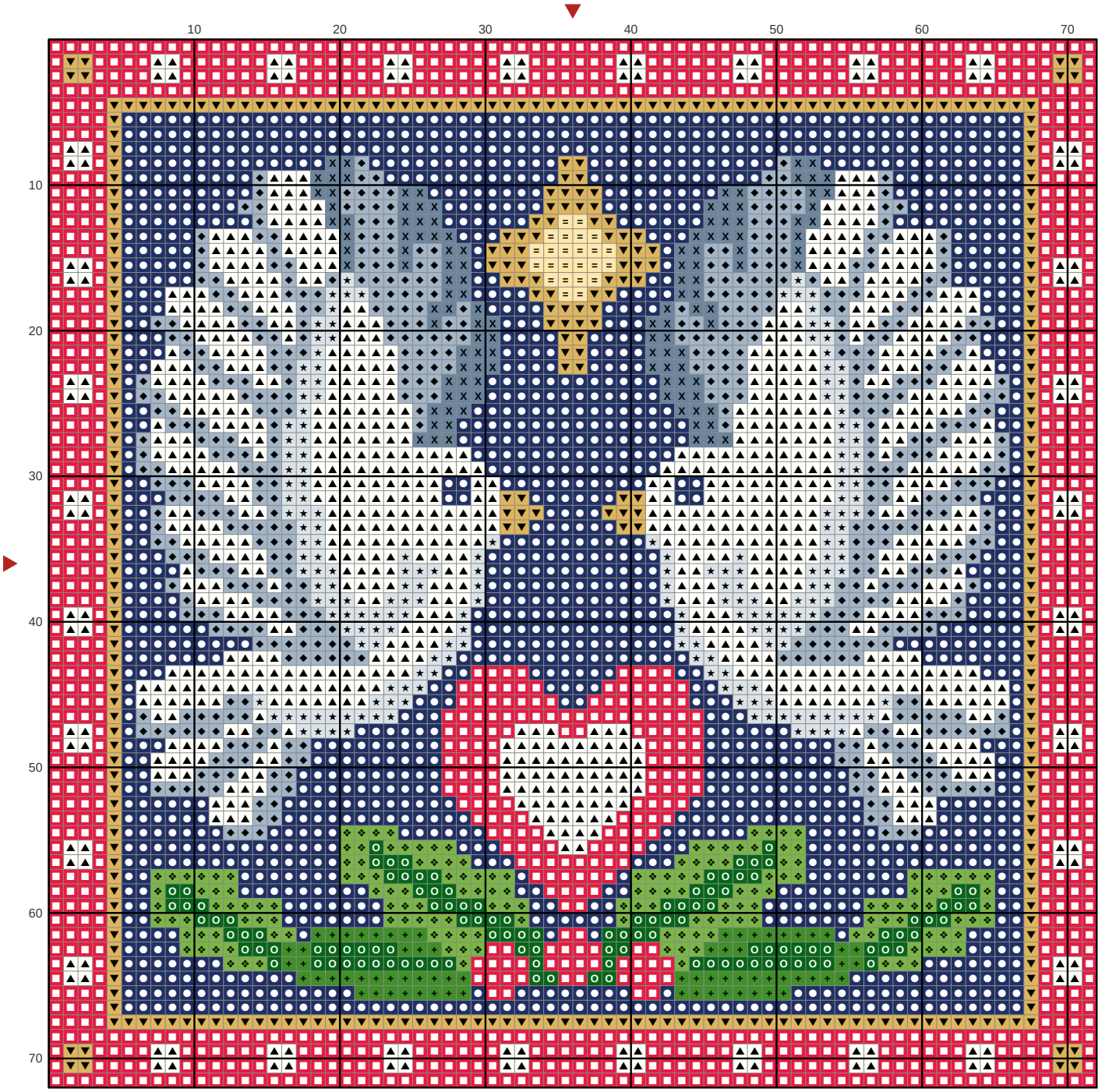

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