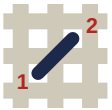
Egg with a thatched cottage and hens

Needlepoint pattern | 106 x 126 stitches | 5.9 x 7 in (15 x 17.8 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 on page 2, column 53, row 63 (DMC 3865): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once. Empty squares stay bare.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 783: the board's edge hides them.

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What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 10.5 in wide x 11.5 in high (26.7 x 29.2 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 16 colors, about 19 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
●	**815**	Medium Garnet	2,468	2
■	**3865**	Winter White	1,586	2
▲	**783**	Medium Topaz	954	2
◆	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	608	1
▼	**703**	Chartreuse	604	1
★	**433**	Medium Brown	386	1
❖	**3822**	Light Straw	382	1
X	**986**	Very Dark Forest Green	352	1
H	**307**	Lemon	290	1
+	**3766**	Light Peacock Blue	268	1
=	**3752**	Very Light Antique Blue	252	1
Z	**603**	Cranberry	242	1
A	**963**	Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	158	1
V	**3801**	Very Dark Melon	78	1
T	**741**	Medium Tangerine	38	1
N	**3371**	Black Brown	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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Columns 6 to 101, rows 6 to 67. Start at the red outline

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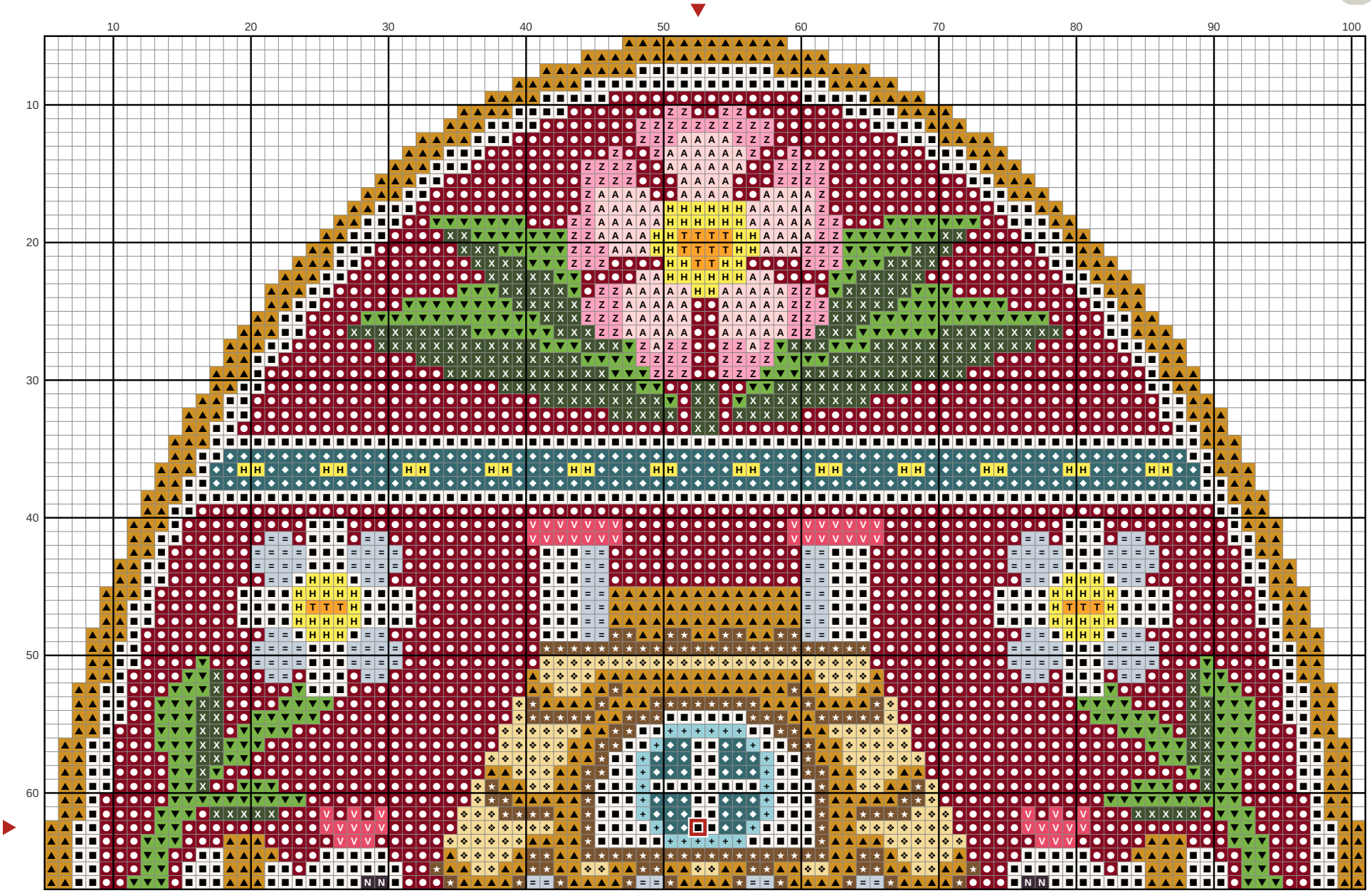

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Columns 6 to 101, rows 68 to 121. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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