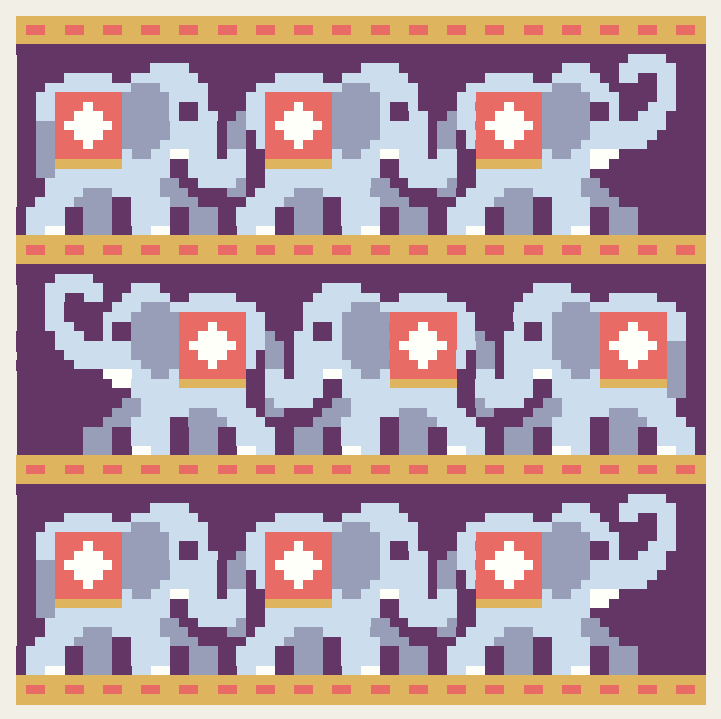
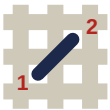
Whimsical animal coaster, elephants

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 6 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 160): 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 8 skeins in all (an estimate).

Make it a coaster: felt or cork for the back, or a coaster blank with an opening this size. For a blank, measure its opening before you stitch. If the piece is small for it, stitch two extra rows all round, carrying the colors of the edge on.
How to make coasters.

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 327**	Dark Violet	1,677	2
■	**DMC 3841**	Pale Baby Blue	1,377	2
▲	**DMC 3820**	Dark Straw	783	1
◆	**DMC 160**	Medium Gray Blue	699	1
▼	**DMC 351**	Coral	468	1
★	**DMC BLANC**	White	180	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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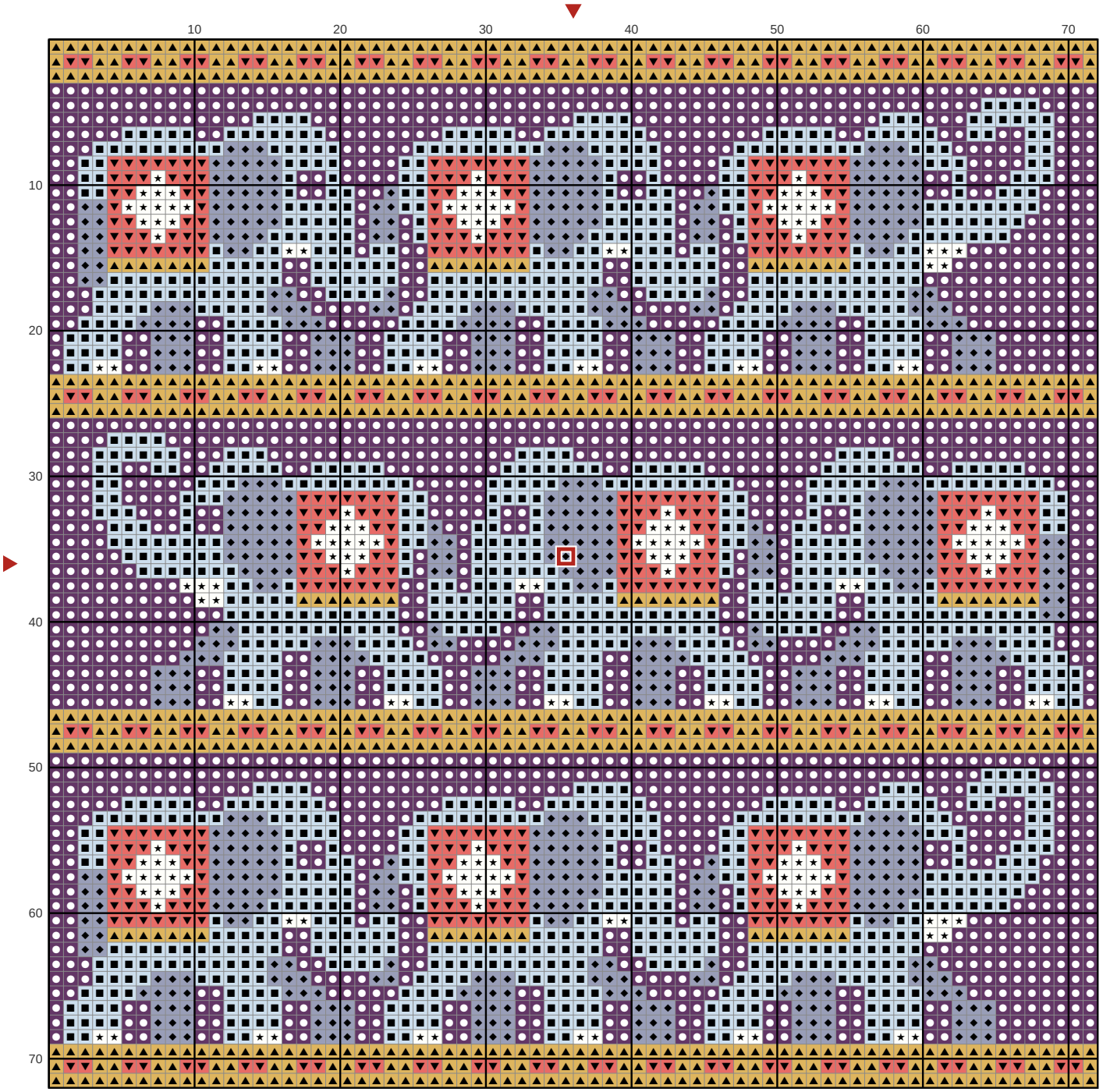
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



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