Small gingerbread heart ornament

Needlepoint pattern | 66 x 64 stitches | 3.7 x 3.6 in (9.3 x 9 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 976**	Medium Golden Brown	625	5	1
■	**DMC 3865**	Winter White	546	4	1
▲	**DMC 801**	Dark Coffee Brown	338	3	1
◆	**DMC 975**	Dark Golden Brown	309	3	1
▼	**DMC 3345**	Dark Hunter Green	174	2	1
★	**DMC 977**	Light Golden Brown	150	2	1
❖	**DMC 321**	Red	129	1	1
X	**DMC 725**	Medium Light Topaz	42	1	1
O	**DMC 3347**	Medium Yellow Green	38	1	1
+	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	36	1	1
=	**DMC 3801**	Very Dark Melon	9	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 7.7 x 7.6 in (19.5 x 19.2 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

2,396 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 66 x 64 at its widest and tallest.
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 11 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 24 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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