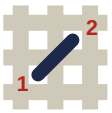
La Muerte in a crown of marigolds

Needlepoint pattern | 104 x 130 stitches | 8 x 10 in (20.3 x 25.4 cm) on 13 mesh | 22 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 52, row 65 (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.
5. When it is done, block it square.

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How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 12 in wide x 14 in high (30.5 x 35.6 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 20. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 22 colors, about 31 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 7 strands (8 if canvas shows).

Frame it: acid-free board and a frame.
How to frame needlepoint.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	909	Very Dark Emerald Green	3,118	5
■	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	1,182	2
▲	310	Black	1,162	2
◆	3865	Winter White	1,116	2
▼	815	Medium Garnet	1,108	2
★	918	Dark Red Copper	732	2
❖	946	Medium Burnt Orange	602	1
X	741	Medium Tangerine	596	1
H	3809	Very Dark Turquoise	526	1
+	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	494	1
=	352	Light Coral	414	1
Z	336	Navy Blue	362	1
A	150	Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose	358	1
V	703	Chartreuse	358	1
T	350	Medium Coral	296	1
N	598	Light Turquoise	272	1
S	301	Medium Mahogany	228	1
K	743	Medium Yellow	226	1
E	3818	Ultra Very Dark Emerald Green	156	1
C	437	Light Tan	120	1
P	3371	Black Brown	66	1
U	3804	Dark Cyclamen Pink	28	1

Skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 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 1 to 104, rows 1 to 69. Start at the red outline

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Columns 1 to 104, rows 70 to 130. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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