Santa face mini stocking

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 108 stitches | 4 x 6 in (10.2 x 15.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 10 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 712**	Cream	1,707	12	2
■	**DMC 3818**	Ultra Very Dark Emerald Green	1,623	12	2
▲	**DMC 321**	Red	753	6	1
◆	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	411	3	1
▼	**DMC 3820**	Dark Straw	313	3	1
★	**DMC 3782**	Light Mocha Brown	291	2	1
❖	**DMC 945**	Tawny	147	2	1
X	**DMC 3712**	Medium Salmon	45	1	1
O	**DMC 760**	Salmon	42	1	1
+	**DMC 3371**	Black Brown	38	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 10 in (20.3 x 25.4 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,370 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 72 x 108 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 12 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 10 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 10 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 43 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 a stocking: also have backing and lining fabric, cord or piping, and a loop. Finishers ask for stockings months before Christmas, and most want two extra rows all round. Ask yours before the edge, and stitch a name first. "How to finish a stocking" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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