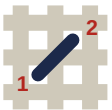
Backgammon coaster for men

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 7 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 3346): 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.
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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 in DMC 3371, the color at its edge.
How to make coasters.

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 3346**	Hunter Green	1,316	2
■	**DMC 437**	Light Tan	1,198	1
▲	**DMC 3371**	Black Brown	726	1
◆	**DMC 434**	Light Brown	648	1
▼	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	548	1
★	**DMC 712**	Cream	488	1
❖	**DMC 783**	Medium Topaz	260	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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