Bargello poinsettia ornament

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 canvas threads | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 7 colors



Thread key

			squares	yards	skeins of pearl
●	**DMC 890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	1,196	6	1
■	**DMC 351**	Coral	1,032	5	1
▲	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	876	4	1
◆	**DMC 3346**	Hunter Green	792	4	1
▼	**DMC 321**	Red	764	4	1
★	**DMC 963**	Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	348	2	1
❖	**DMC 783**	Medium Topaz	176	1	1

Each stitch covers 4 canvas threads, shorter where the quarters meet and at the edges: upright in the top and bottom quarters, lying across in the left and right ones. One chart square is one canvas thread, and each outlined bar is one stitch, with its symbol in the middle.

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

5,184 chart squares stitched in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it. The center is a hole, with 36 canvas threads on each side of it. Work the round outlined in red first: 12 stitches in DMC 783, over 1 to 4 threads. Then work outward, a round at a time.

Thread: pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand in the needle on 18 mesh, about 7 skeins of 27.3 yd in all. Or six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands, about 7 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 7 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 26 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.

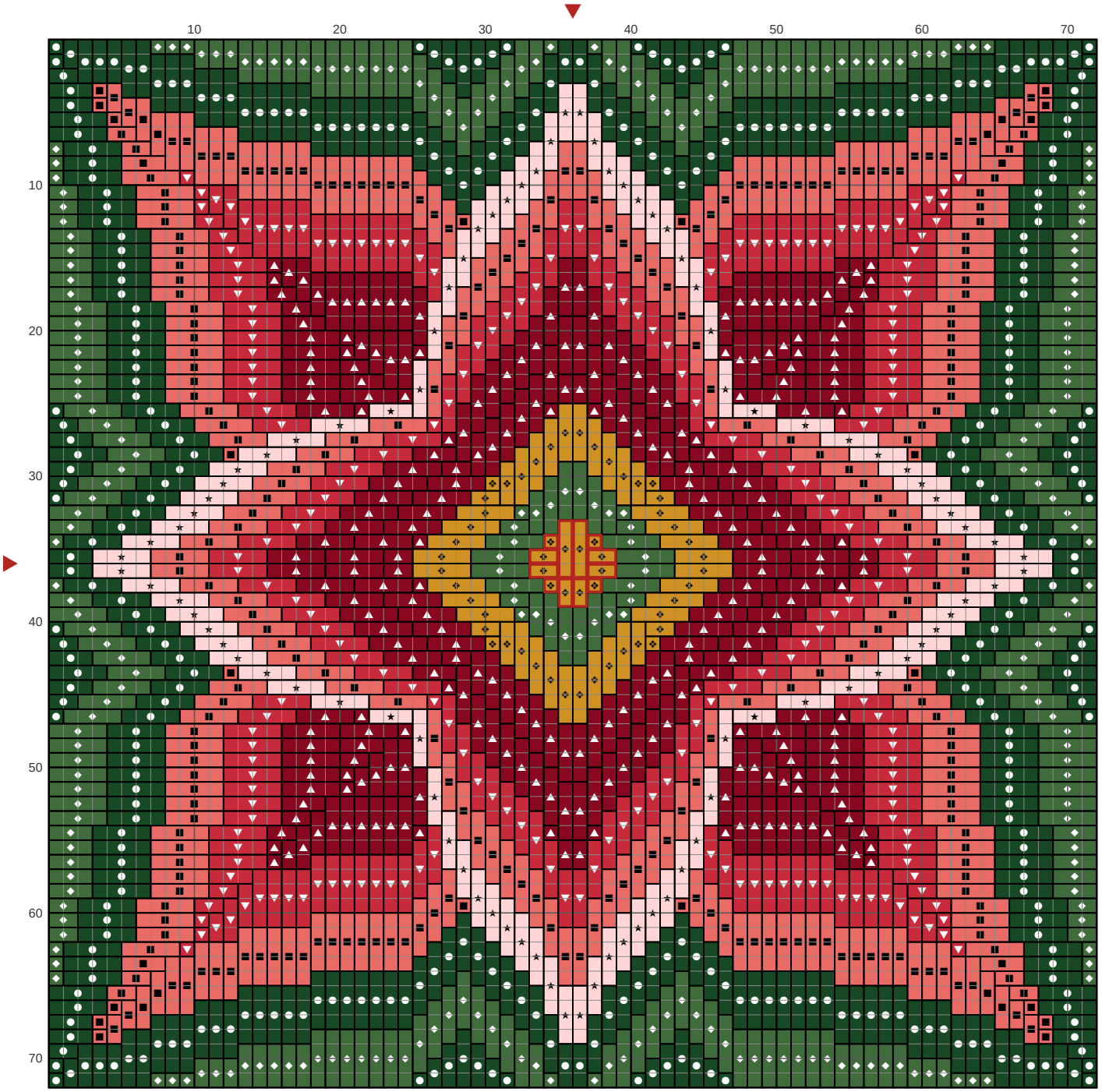
Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three rows of tent stitch all round, outside the pattern: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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