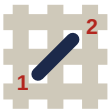
Glossy watermelon slice on gingham

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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, column 36, row 36 (DMC 666): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: the board's edge hides them.

First time? How to needlepoint: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-start/
How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 8.5 in square (21.6 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 16 colors, about 17 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it an ornament: board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord.
How to finish an ornament.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**727**	Very Light Topaz	1,232	2
■	**BLANC**	White	739	1
▲	**743**	Medium Yellow	597	1
◆	**666**	Bright Red	472	1
▼	**3705**	Dark Melon	255	1
★	**895**	Very Dark Hunter Green	237	1
❖	**3708**	Light Melon	231	1
X	**3046**	Medium Yellow Beige	223	1
H	**815**	Medium Garnet	222	1
+	**498**	Dark Red	220	1
=	**703**	Chartreuse	183	1
Z	**369**	Very Light Pistachio Green	153	1
A	**3371**	Black Brown	144	1
V	**729**	Medium Old Gold	110	1
T	**415**	Pearl Gray	104	1
N	**3341**	Apricot	62	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: 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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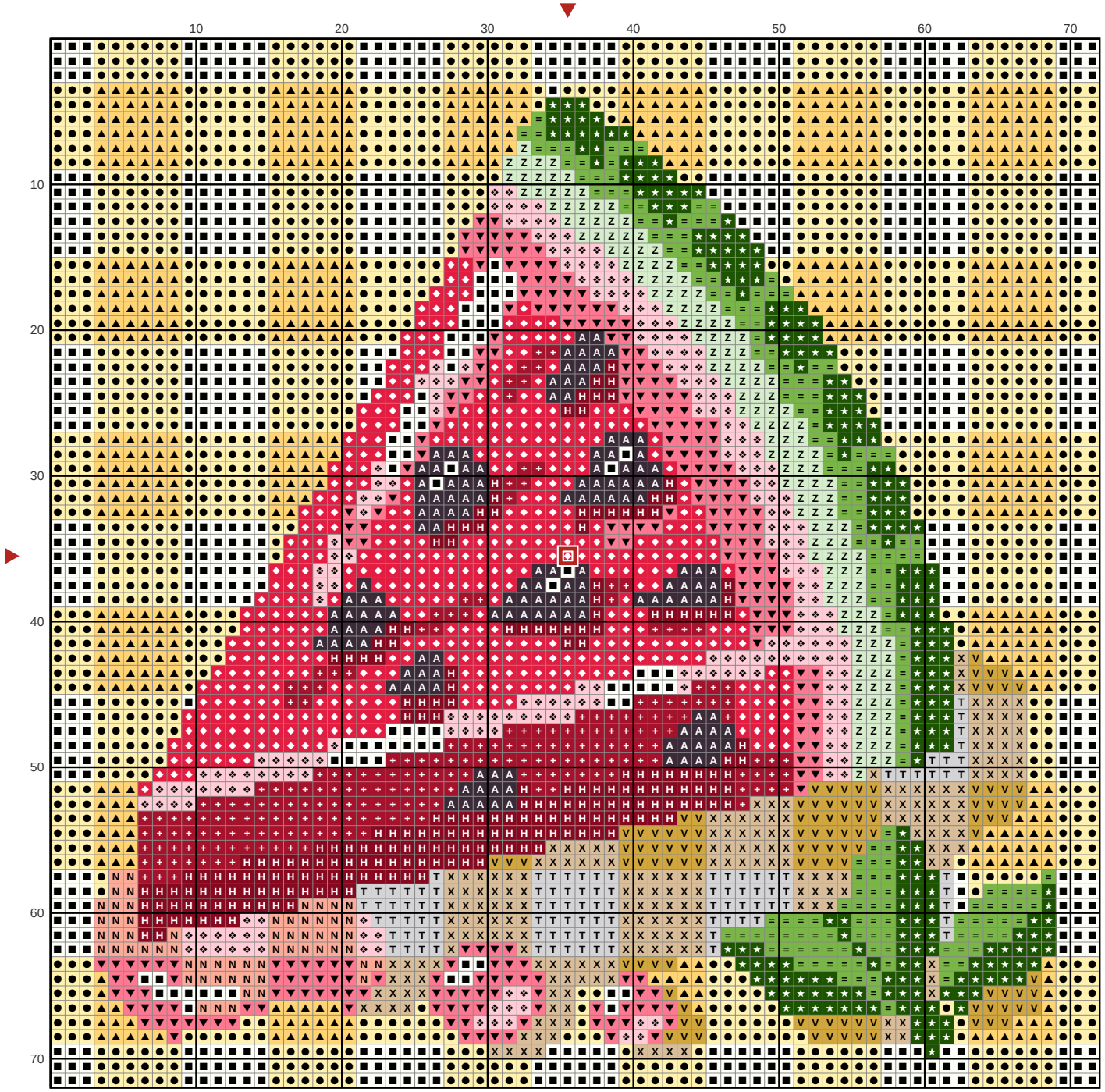
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz
- ■ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▲ **DMC 743** Medium Yellow
- ◆ **DMC 666** Bright Red
- ▼ **DMC 3705** Dark Melon
- ★ **DMC 895** Very Dark Hunter Green
- ❖ **DMC 3708** Light Melon
- X **DMC 3046** Medium Yellow Beige
- H **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- \+ **DMC 498** Dark Red
- = **DMC 703** Chartreuse
- Z **DMC 369** Very Light Pistachio Green
- A **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- V **DMC 729** Medium Old Gold
- T **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- N **DMC 3341** Apricot