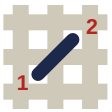
Grapefruit slice ornament

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 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 712): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color. Empty squares stay bare.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 939: 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, 15 colors, about 16 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
●	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	1,210	2
■	**712**	Cream	598	1
▲	**351**	Coral	326	1
◆	**743**	Medium Yellow	301	1
▼	**350**	Medium Coral	248	1
★	**895**	Very Dark Hunter Green	232	1
❖	**3347**	Medium Yellow Green	231	1
X	**353**	Peach	212	1
H	**347**	Very Dark Salmon	158	1
+	**BLANC**	White	158	1
=	**3340**	Medium Apricot	125	1
Z	**3078**	Very Light Golden Yellow	114	1
A	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	110	1
V	**3752**	Very Light Antique Blue	29	1
T	**783**	Medium Topaz	8	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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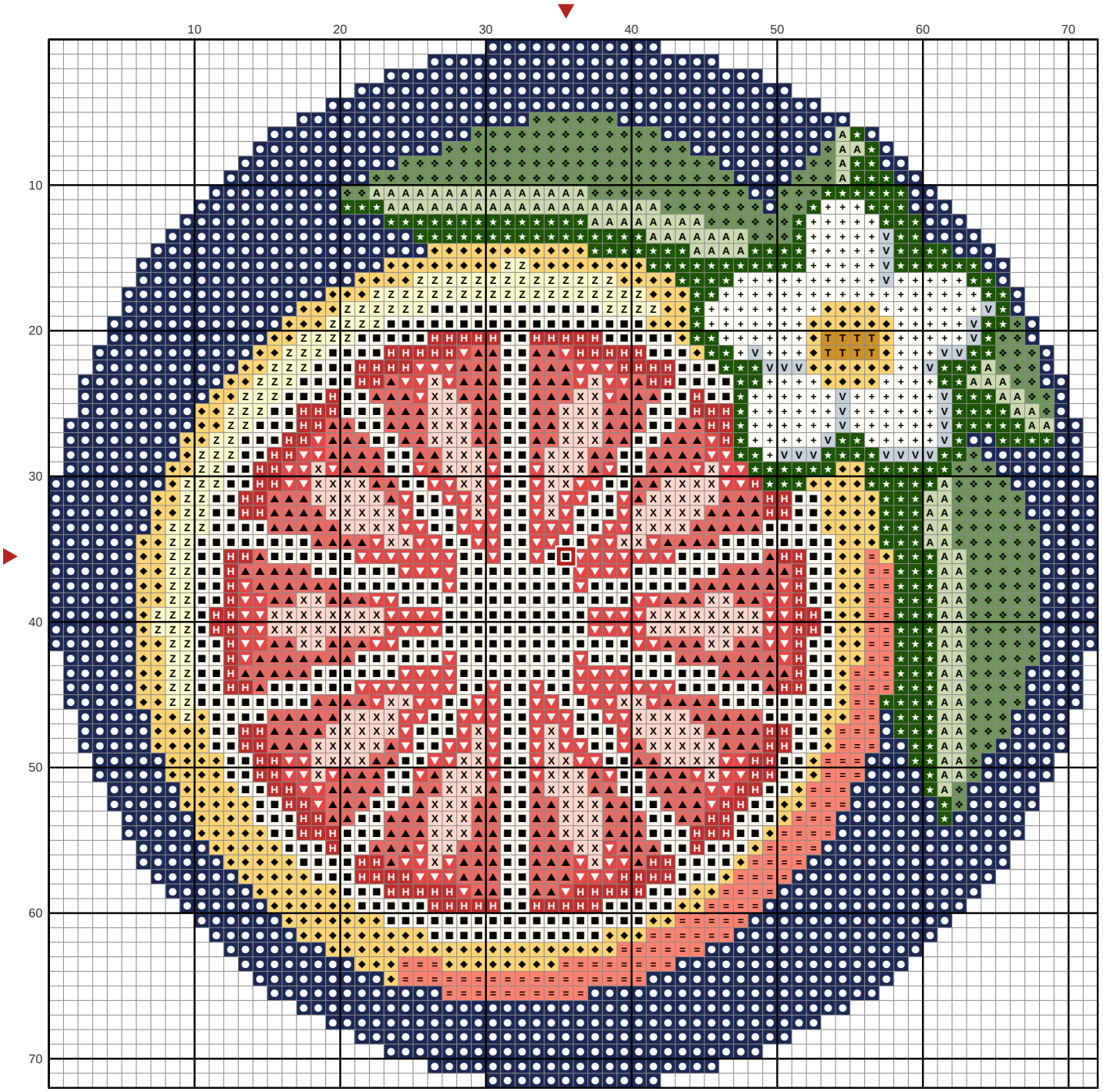
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 351** Coral
- **DMC 743** Medium Yellow
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 895** Very Dark Hunter Green
- **DMC 3347** Medium Yellow Green
- **DMC 353** Peach
- **DMC 347** Very Dark Salmon
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 3340** Medium Apricot
- **DMC 3078** Very Light Golden Yellow
- **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- **DMC 3752** Very Light Antique Blue
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz