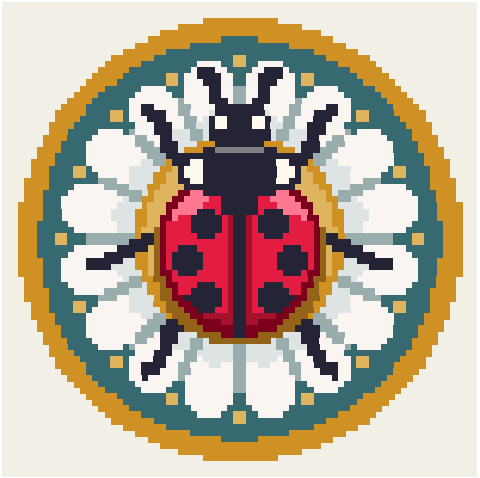
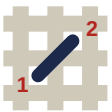
Ladybug ornament

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 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 310): 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 783: 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, 14 colors, about 15 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
●	**3865**	Winter White	860	1
□	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	852	1
▲	**783**	Medium Topaz	794	2
◆	**310**	Black	548	1
▼	**928**	Very Light Gray Green	222	1
★	**926**	Medium Gray Green	212	1
❖	**666**	Bright Red	170	1
X	**3820**	Dark Straw	130	1
H	**814**	Dark Garnet	84	1
+	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	76	1
=	**498**	Dark Red	46	1
Z	**3705**	Dark Melon	30	1
A	**712**	Cream	28	1
V	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	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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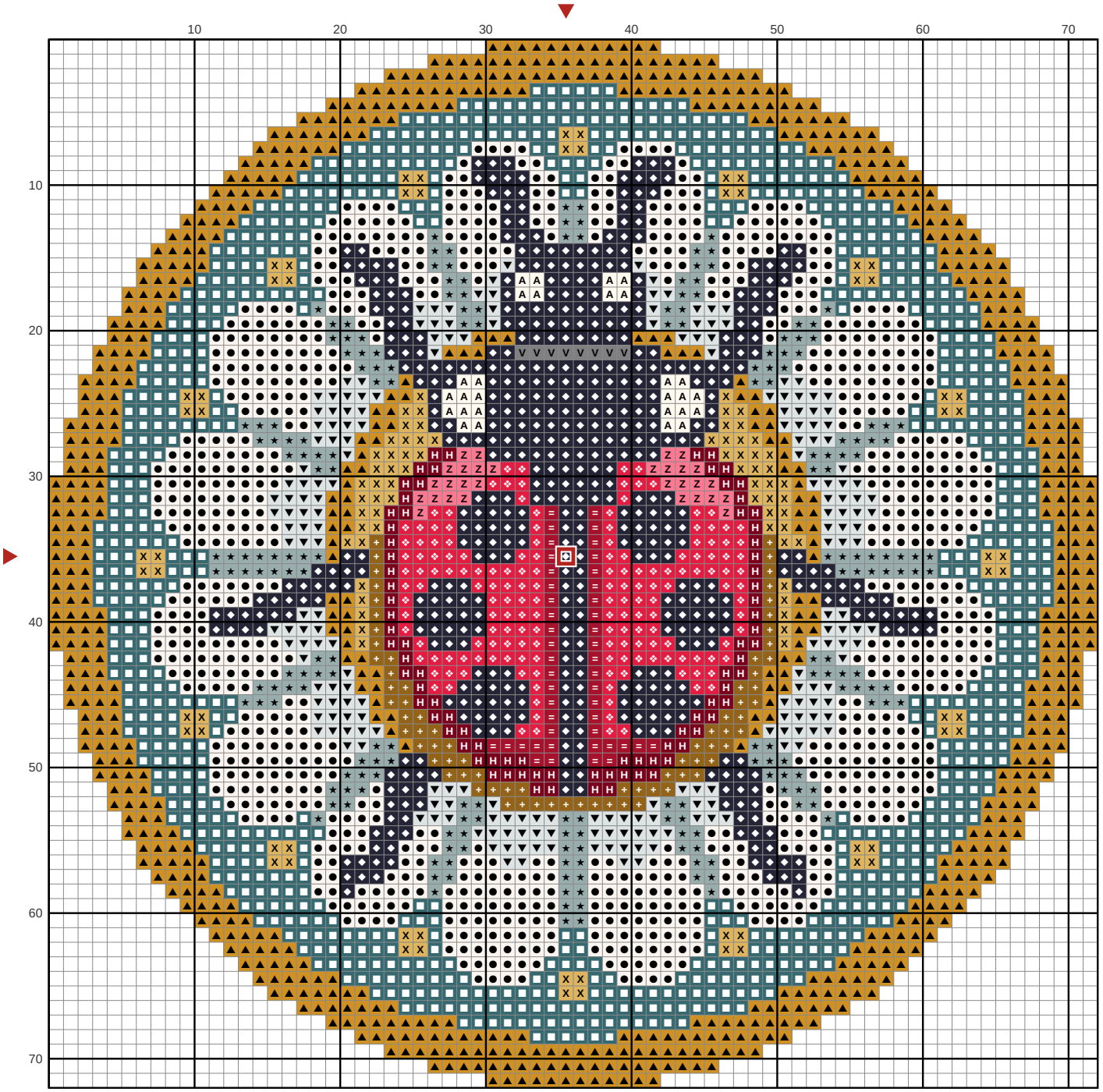
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- ■ **DMC 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- ▲ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ◆ **DMC 310** Black
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