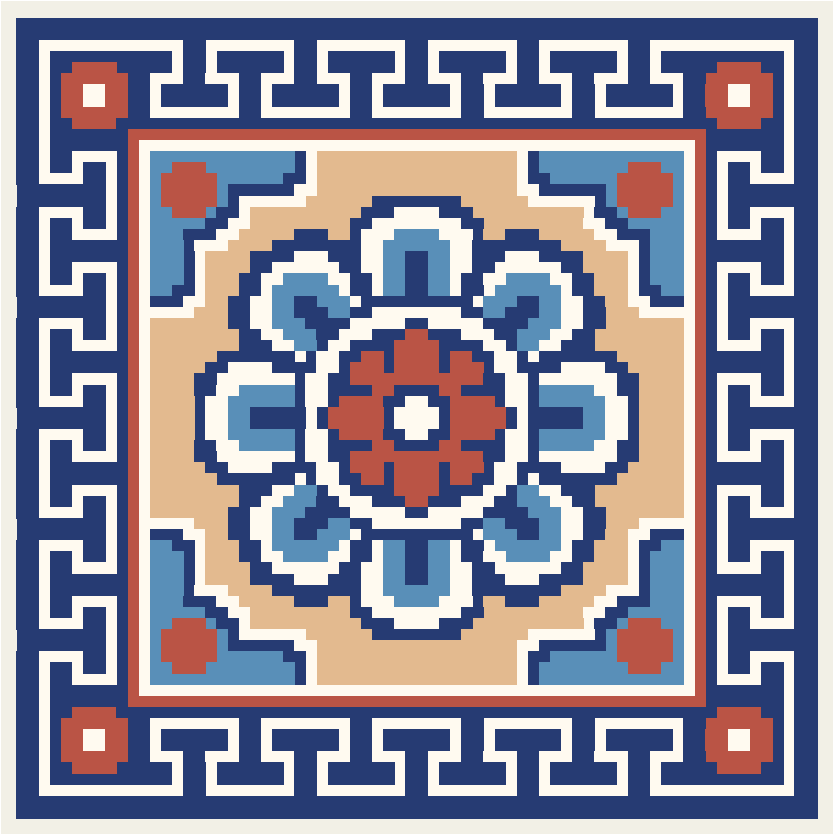
Chinese rug coaster

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 5 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 336**	Navy Blue	2,304	16	2
■	**DMC 712**	Cream	1,352	10	2
▲	**DMC 437**	Light Tan	564	4	1
◆	**DMC 3830**	Terra Cotta	516	4	1
▼	**DMC 322**	Dark Baby Blue	448	4	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

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 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 7 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 5 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 5 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 38 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 up yourself: also have the blank it goes into: a fob, a coaster or a tray with an opening this size. Measure the opening before you stitch: a row or two more all round may be needed to fill it. "How to use a self-finishing blank" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart: 72 x 72 stitches

