Starfish and scallop shell coaster

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 6 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 597**	Turquoise	1,601	11	2
□	**DMC 3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	1,285	9	2
▲	**DMC 712**	Cream	984	7	1
◆	**DMC 351**	Coral	676	5	1
▼	**DMC 3825**	Pale Pumpkin	356	3	1
★	**DMC 355**	Dark Terra Cotta	282	2	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 8 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 6 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 6 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 37 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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