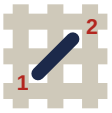
Blue poison dart frog bean bag

Needlepoint pattern | 109 x 110 stitches | 8.4 x 8.5 in (21.3 x 21.5 cm) on 13 mesh | 10 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 on page 3, column 55, row 55 (DMC 310): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once. Empty squares stay bare.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 939: the seam hides them.

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How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 13 in square (33 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 20. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 10 colors, about 14 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 7 strands (8 if canvas shows).

Make it a bean bag: fabric for the underside, and pellets in a small cotton bag.
How to finish a bean bag.

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	1,354	4
■	**DMC 995**	Dark Electric Blue	844	2
▲	**DMC 310**	Black	498	1
◆	**DMC 996**	Medium Electric Blue	429	1
▼	**DMC 3843**	Electric Blue	390	1
★	**DMC 797**	Royal Blue	365	1
❖	**DMC 820**	Very Dark Royal Blue	217	1
X	**DMC 747**	Very Light Sky Blue	49	1
H	**DMC 3766**	Light Peacock Blue	27	1
+	**DMC BLANC**	White	8	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 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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Columns 21 to 90, rows 1 to 42

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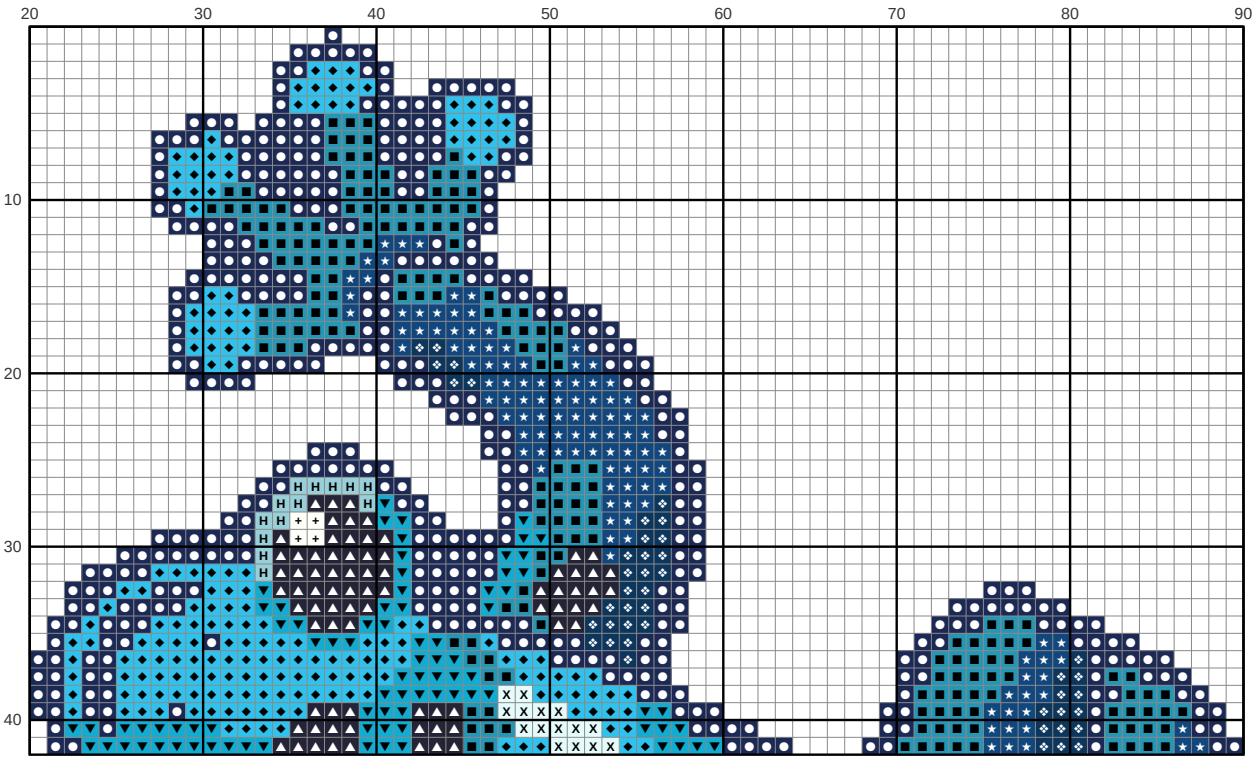

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Columns 1 to 107, rows 43 to 109. Start at the red outline. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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