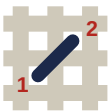
Fly agaric toadstool

Needlepoint pattern | 55 x 55 stitches | 4.2 x 4.2 in (10.7 x 10.7 cm) on 13 mesh | 13 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 28, row 28 (DMC 739): 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 936: 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, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 9 in square (22.9 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 13 colors, about 14 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 7 strands (8 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
●	**936**	Very Dark Avocado Green	634	2
■	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	384	1
▲	**470**	Light Avocado Green	300	1
◆	**472**	Ultra Light Avocado Green	218	1
▼	**3865**	Winter White	212	1
★	**321**	Red	125	1
❖	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	113	1
X	**815**	Medium Garnet	84	1
H	**841**	Light Beige Brown	74	1
+	**842**	Very Light Beige Brown	69	1
=	**501**	Dark Blue Green	65	1
Z	**350**	Medium Coral	57	1
A	**498**	Dark Red	42	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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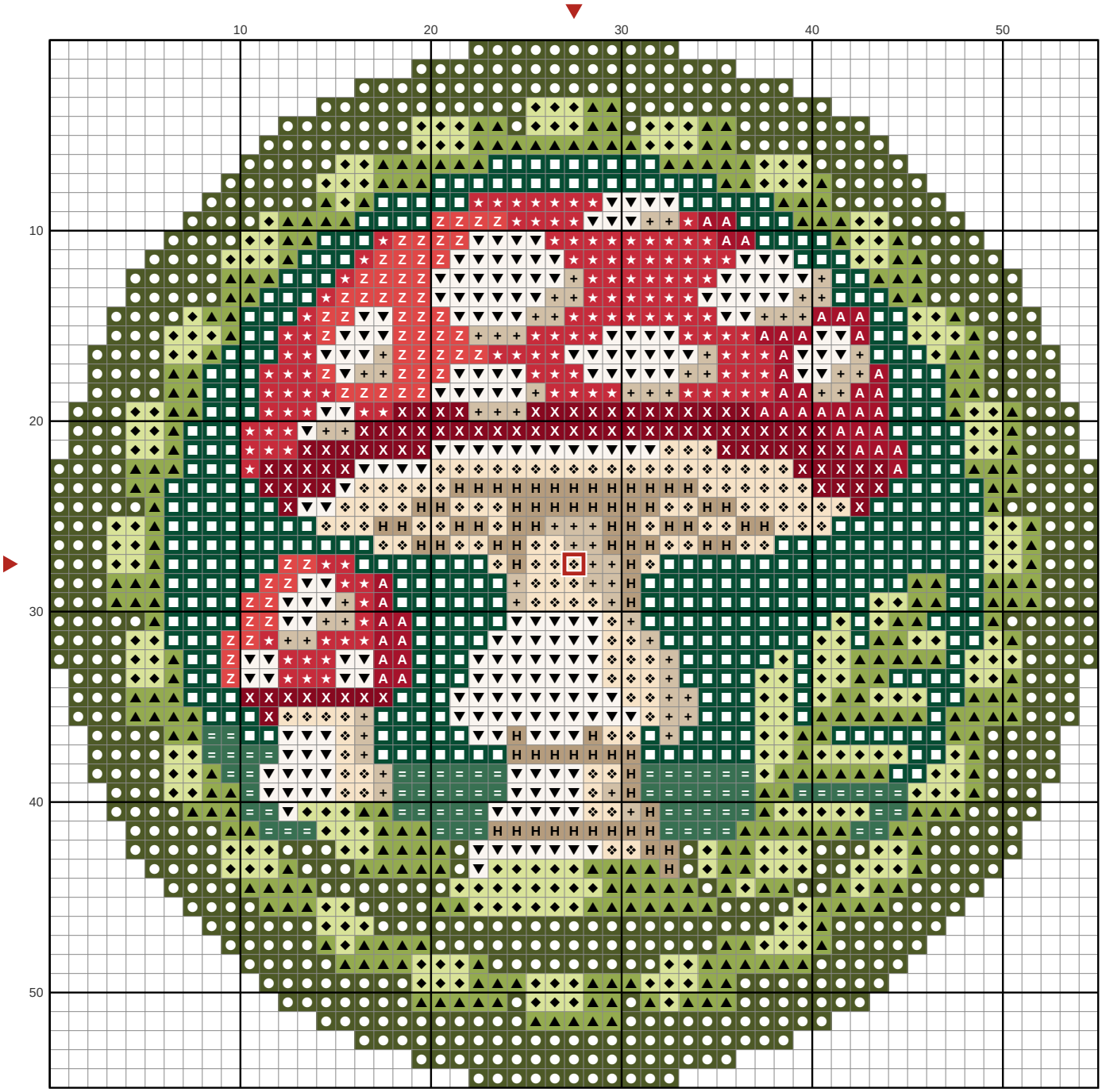
Chart: 55 x 55 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 936** Very Dark Avocado Green
- **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- **DMC 470** Light Avocado Green
- **DMC 472** Ultra Light Avocado Green
- **DMC 3865** Winter White
- **DMC 321** Red
- **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 841** Light Beige Brown
- **DMC 842** Very Light Beige Brown
- **DMC 501** Dark Blue Green
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 498** Dark Red