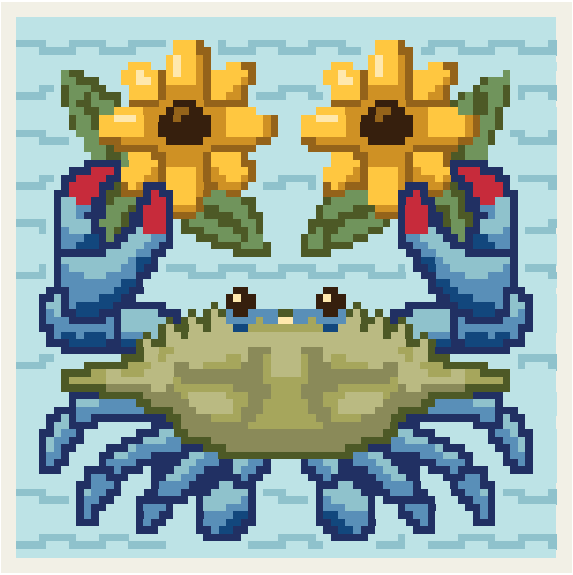
Maryland crab and black-eyed Susans

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 3811**	Very Light Turquoise	1,824	13	2
□	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	625	5	1
▲	**DMC 598**	Light Turquoise	506	4	1
◆	**DMC 322**	Dark Baby Blue	330	3	1
▼	**DMC 936**	Very Dark Avocado Green	283	2	1
★	**DMC 725**	Medium Light Topaz	277	2	1
❖	**DMC 3011**	Dark Khaki Green	224	2	1
X	**DMC 3013**	Light Khaki Green	222	2	1
O	**DMC 783**	Medium Topaz	180	2	1
+	**DMC 780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	157	2	1
=	**DMC 3347**	Medium Yellow Green	152	2	1
Z	**DMC 3012**	Medium Khaki Green	148	2	1
A	**DMC 797**	Royal Blue	86	1	1
V	**DMC 938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	84	1	1
T	**DMC 321**	Red	64	1	1
N	**DMC 745**	Light Pale Yellow	22	1	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 17 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 16 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 16 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 45 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 an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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