Snowflake mini stocking

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 108 stitches | 4 x 6 in (10.2 x 15.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 4 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 304**	Medium Red	2,159	15	2
■	**DMC BLANC**	White	1,609	12	2
▲	**DMC 814**	Dark Garnet	1,092	8	1
◆	**DMC 3325**	Light Baby Blue	510	4	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 10 in (20.3 x 25.4 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,370 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 72 x 108 at its widest and tallest.
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 6 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 4 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 4 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 39 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 a stocking: also have backing and lining fabric, cord or piping, and a loop. Finishers ask for stockings months before Christmas, and most want two extra rows all round. Ask yours before the edge, and stitch a name first. "How to finish a stocking" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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