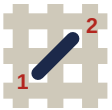
Beach ball at the edge of a wave

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 36, row 36 (DMC BLANC): 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, each stitch in the color it lies beside: 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, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 8.5 in square (21.6 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 16 colors, about 16 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 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
●	**951**	Light Tawny	734	1
■	**BLANC**	White	714	1
▲	**341**	Light Blue Violet	451	1
◆	**964**	Light Seagreen	361	1
▼	**738**	Very Light Tan	284	1
★	**3844**	Dark Bright Turquoise	273	1
❖	**351**	Coral	218	1
X	**743**	Medium Yellow	210	1
H	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	166	1
+	**3820**	Dark Straw	129	1
=	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	128	1
Z	**3746**	Dark Blue Violet	128	1
A	**352**	Light Coral	114	1
V	**350**	Medium Coral	69	1
T	**422**	Light Hazelnut Brown	53	1
N	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	28	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 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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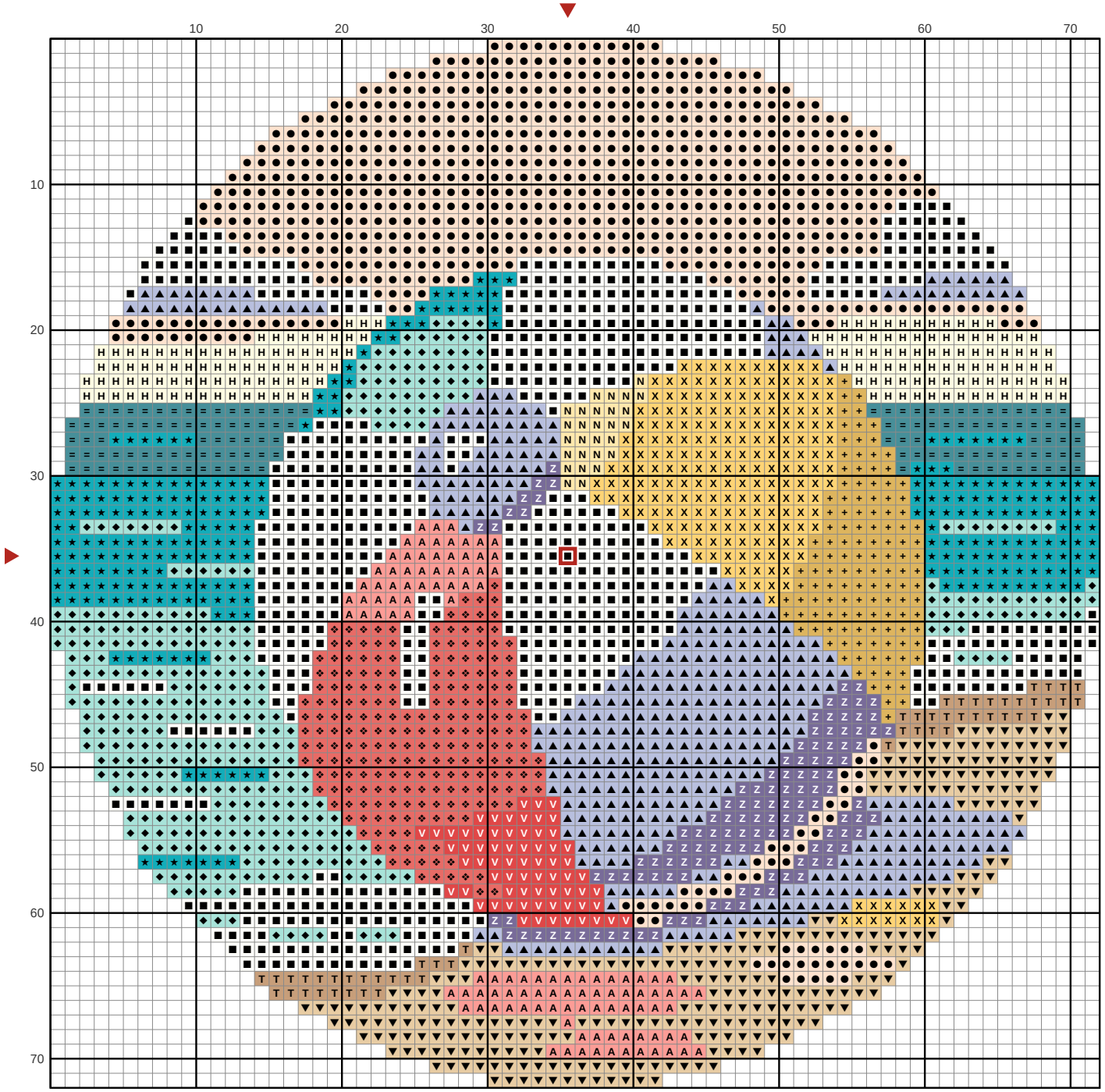
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- ▼ **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- ★ **DMC 3844** Dark Bright Turquoise
- ❖ **DMC 351** Coral
- X **DMC 743** Medium Yellow
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