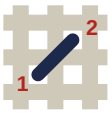
Polka dot Easter egg with a ladybug

Needlepoint pattern | 54 x 72 stitches | 3 x 4 in (7.6 x 10.2 cm) on 18 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 27, row 36 (DMC 350): 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 3847: 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 7.5 in wide x 8.5 in high (19.1 x 21.6 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 13 colors, about 13 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it an egg: board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. How to finish an egg.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**964**	Light Seagreen	1,268	1
□	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	486	1
▲	**310**	Black	234	1
◆	**BLANC**	White	180	1
▼	**959**	Medium Seagreen	155	1
★	**743**	Medium Yellow	126	1
❖	**210**	Medium Lavender	122	1
X	**350**	Medium Coral	108	1
H	**603**	Cranberry	100	1
+	**321**	Red	80	1
=	**815**	Medium Garnet	45	1
Z	**352**	Light Coral	35	1
A	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	11	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: 54 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline

