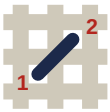
Preppy September birthstone: sapphire

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 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.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 704: 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, 15 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
●	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	1,792	2
■	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	984	1
▲	**725**	Medium Light Topaz	488	1
◆	**BLANC**	White	394	1
▼	**797**	Royal Blue	226	1
★	**907**	Light Parrot Green	188	1
❖	**783**	Medium Topaz	184	1
X	**336**	Navy Blue	184	1
H	**322**	Dark Baby Blue	180	1
+	**825**	Dark Blue	154	1
=	**827**	Very Light Blue	120	1
Z	**813**	Light Blue	106	1
A	**3756**	Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	86	1
V	**727**	Very Light Topaz	54	1
T	**415**	Pearl Gray	44	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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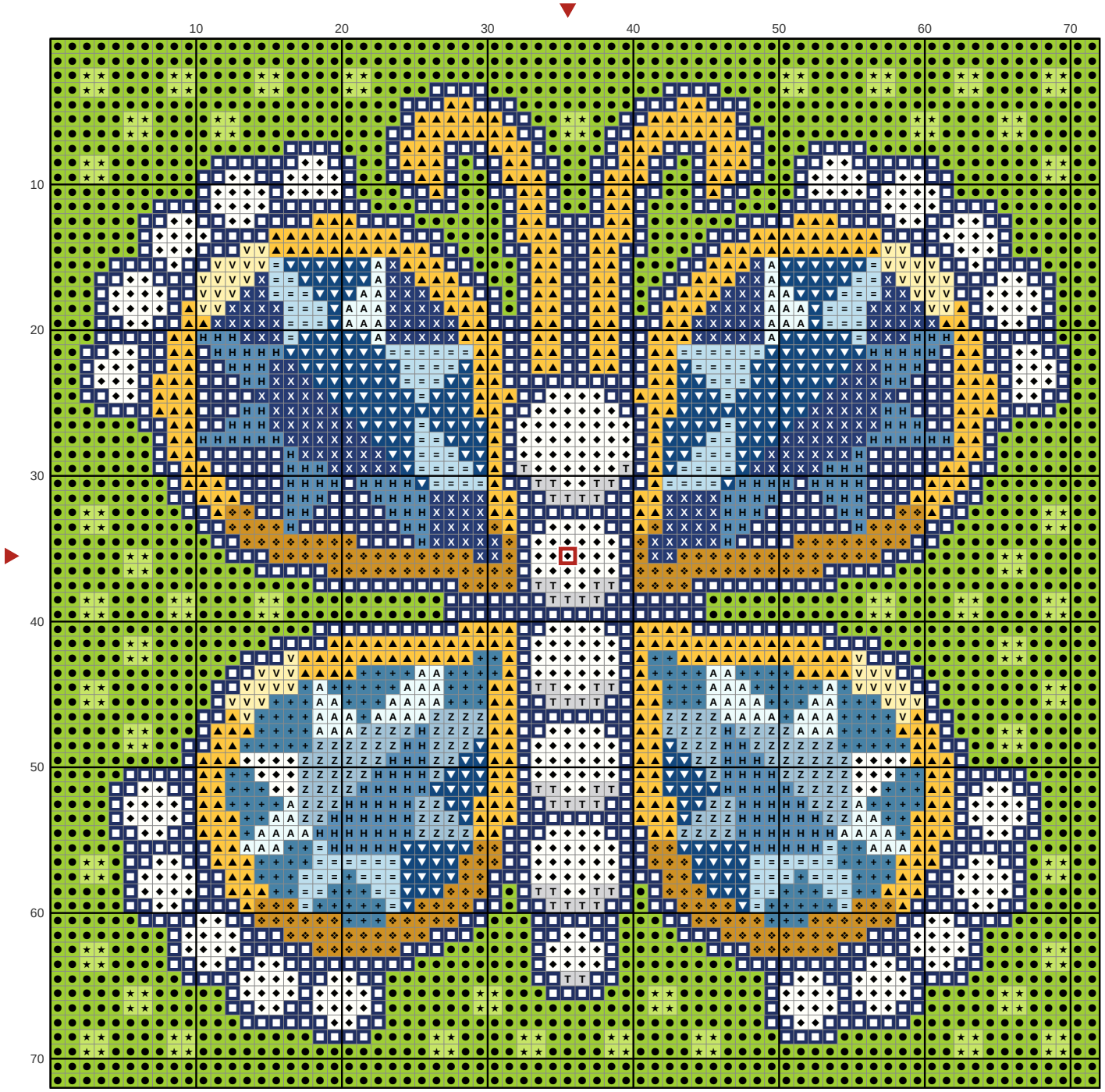
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- ■ **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- ▲ **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- ◆ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▼ **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- ★ **DMC 907** Light Parrot Green
- ❖ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- X **DMC 336** Navy Blue
- H **DMC 322** Dark Baby Blue
- \+ **DMC 825** Dark Blue
- = **DMC 827** Very Light Blue
- Z **DMC 813** Light Blue
- A **DMC 3756** Ultra Very Light Baby Blue
- V **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz
- T **DMC 415** Pearl Gray