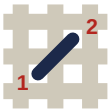
Preppy Cancer the crab

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 9 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 351): 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, 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, 9 colors, about 10 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

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,697	2
■	**DMC 351**	Coral	1,218	1
▲	**DMC BLANC**	White	838	1
◆	**DMC 597**	Turquoise	576	1
▼	**DMC 349**	Dark Coral	379	1
★	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	182	1
❖	**DMC 353**	Peach	161	1
X	**DMC 727**	Very Light Topaz	103	1
H	**DMC 939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	30	1

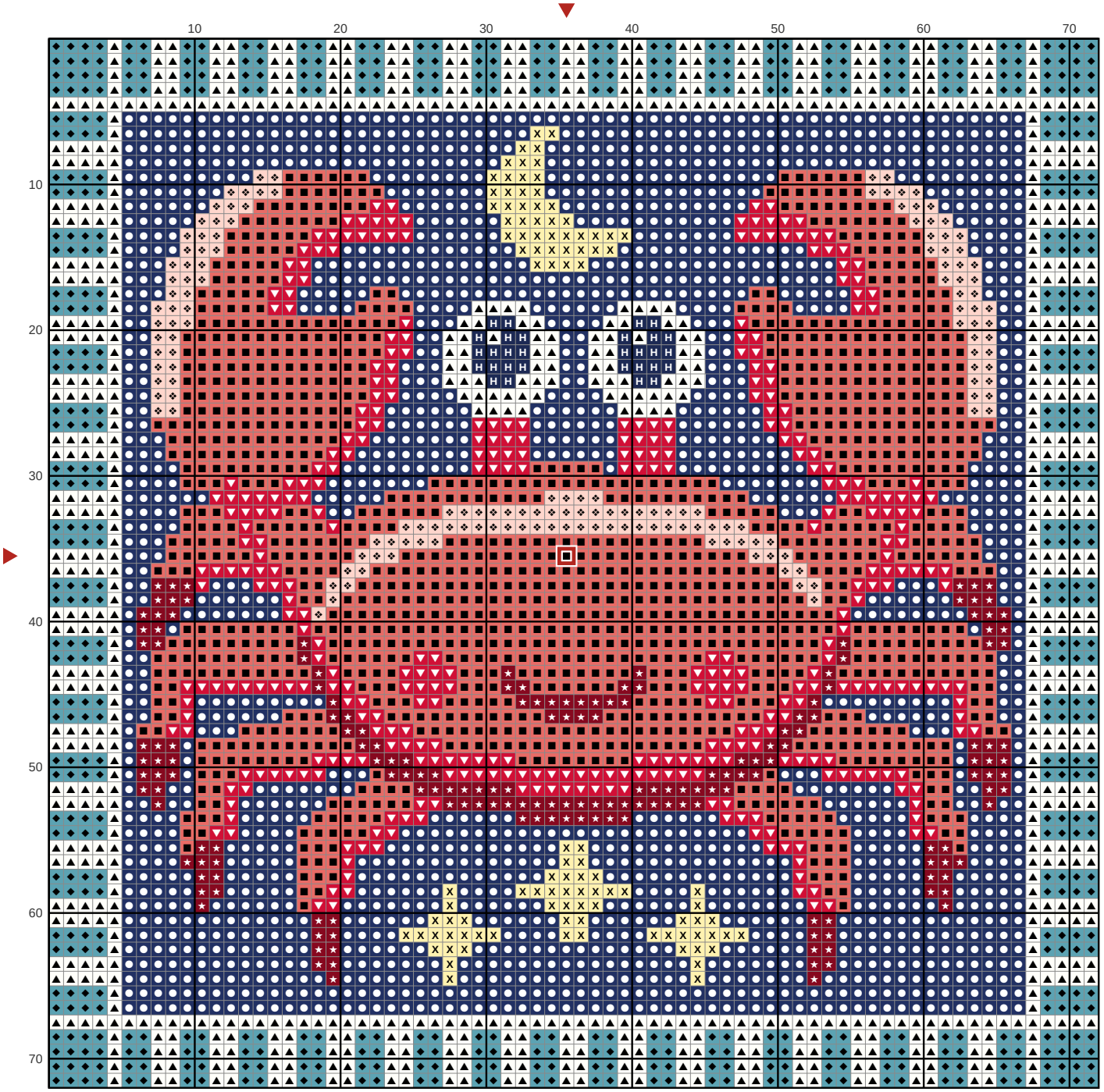
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Preppy Cancer the crab Needlepoint pattern

Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 351** Coral
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 597** Turquoise
- **DMC 349** Dark Coral
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 353** Peach
- **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue