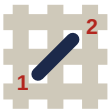
Preppy hen with a pink bow

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 823): 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, 16 colors, about 17 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
●	703	Chartreuse	1,317	2
□	823	Dark Navy Blue	900	1
▲	701	Light Green	681	1
◆	772	Very Light Yellow Green	673	1
▼	BLANC	White	450	1
★	350	Medium Coral	296	1
❖	3752	Very Light Antique Blue	247	1
X	3805	Cyclamen Pink	207	1
H	915	Dark Plum	96	1
+	352	Light Coral	80	1
=	783	Medium Topaz	59	1
Z	817	Very Dark Coral Red	53	1
A	3806	Light Cyclamen Pink	51	1
V	781	Very Dark Topaz	40	1
T	726	Light Topaz	18	1
N	742	Light Tangerine	16	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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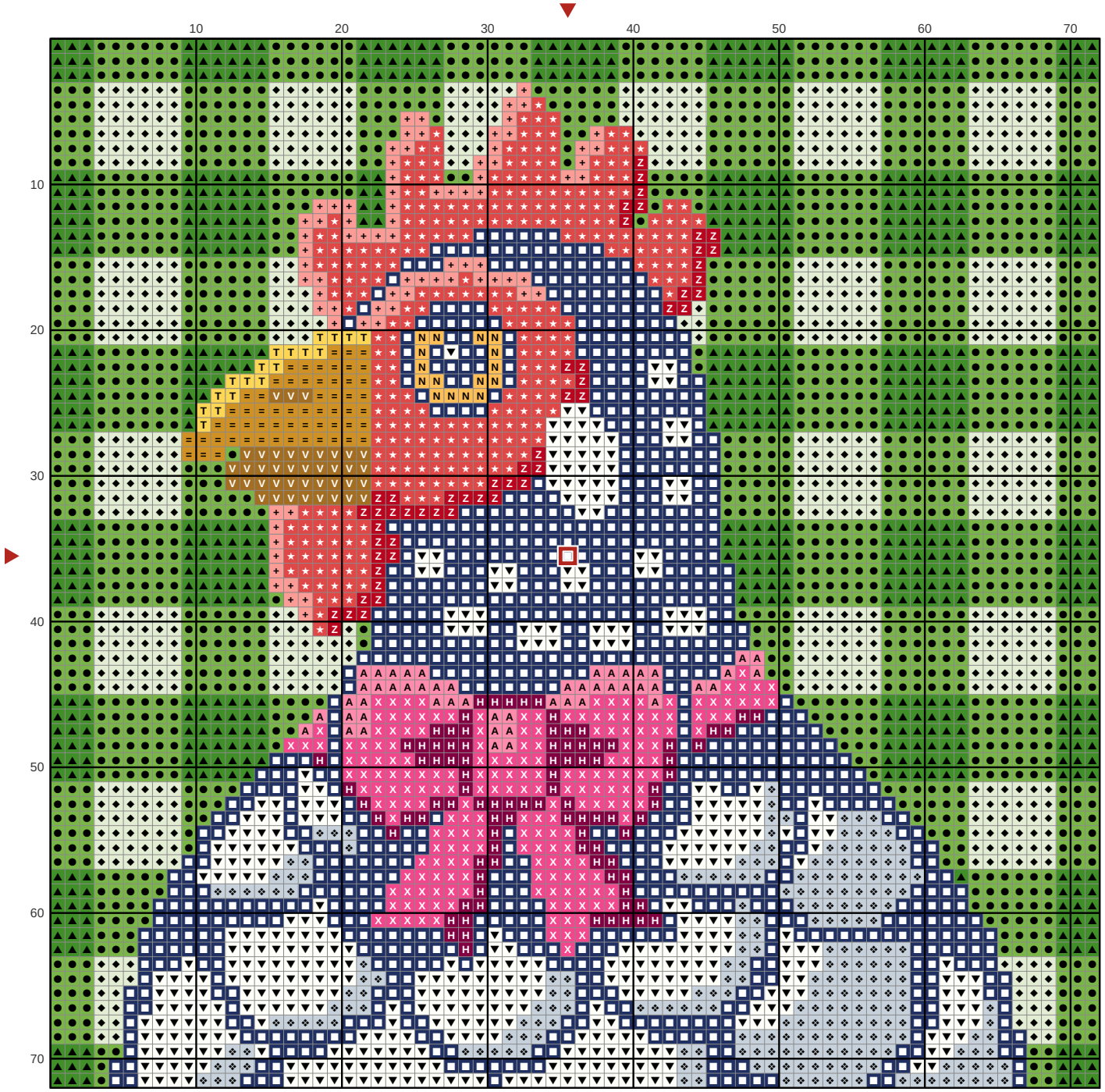
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 703** Chartreuse
- ■ **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- ▲ **DMC 701** Light Green
- ◆ **DMC 772** Very Light Yellow Green
- ▼ **DMC BLANC** White
- ★ **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- ❖ **DMC 3752** Very Light Antique Blue
- X **DMC 3805** Cyclamen Pink
- H **DMC 915** Dark Plum
- \+ **DMC 352** Light Coral
- = **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- Z **DMC 817** Very Dark Coral Red
- A **DMC 3806** Light Cyclamen Pink
- V **DMC 781** Very Dark Topaz
- T **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- N **DMC 742** Light Tangerine