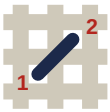
Preppy ladybug on a lemon

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 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 in DMC 823: 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
●	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,893	2
■	**307**	Lemon	1,082	1
▲	**BLANC**	White	677	1
◆	**797**	Royal Blue	447	1
▼	**444**	Dark Lemon	288	1
★	**666**	Bright Red	233	1
❖	**972**	Deep Canary	96	1
X	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	79	1
H	**814**	Dark Garnet	67	1
+	**700**	Bright Green	65	1
=	**702**	Kelly Green	64	1
Z	**828**	Ultra Very Light Sky Blue	60	1
A	**3078**	Very Light Golden Yellow	51	1
V	**304**	Medium Red	51	1
T	**3705**	Dark Melon	31	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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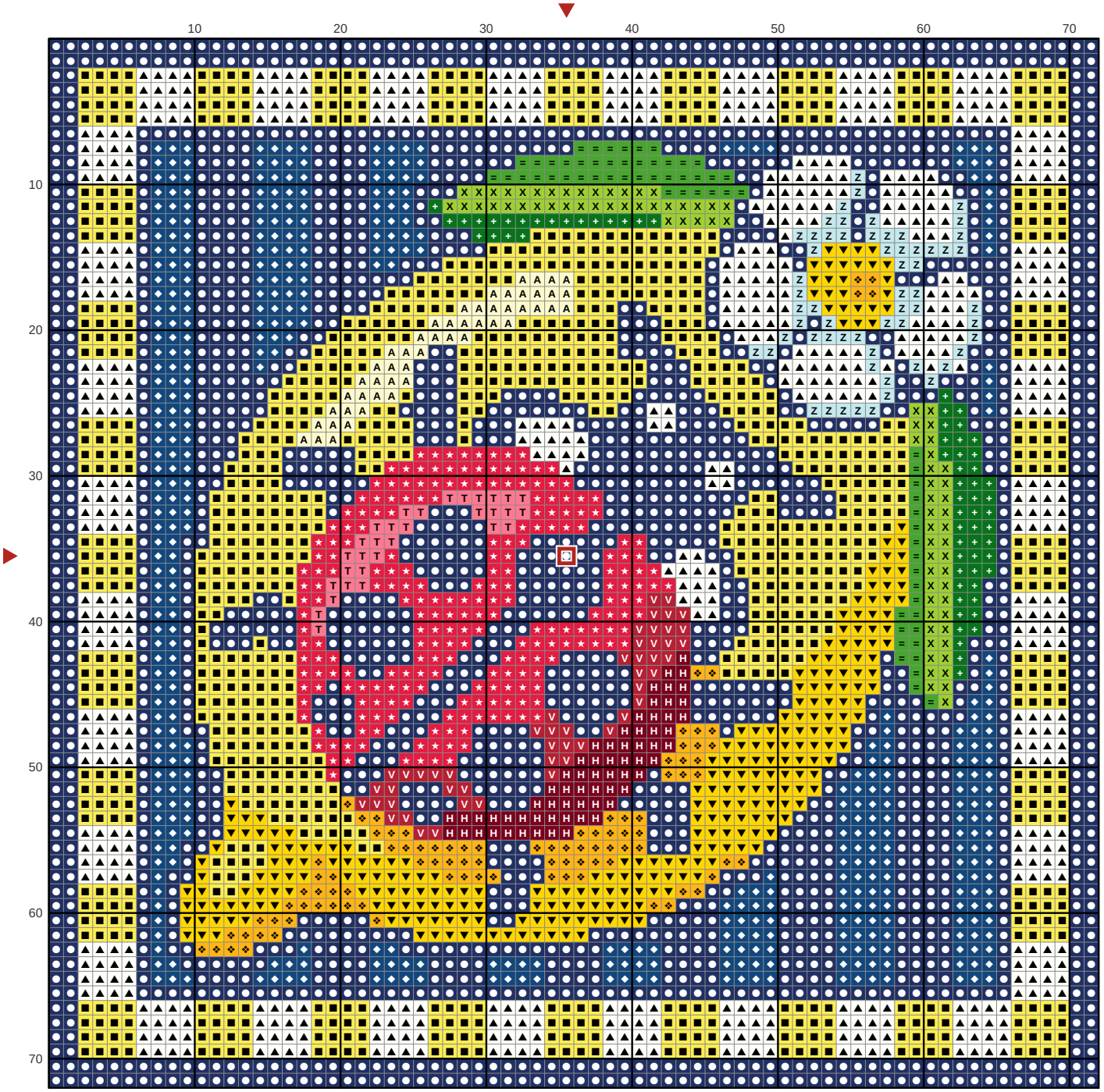
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 307** Lemon
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- **DMC 444** Dark Lemon
- **DMC 666** Bright Red
- **DMC 972** Deep Canary
- **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- **DMC 814** Dark Garnet
- **DMC 700** Bright Green
- **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- **DMC 828** Ultra Very Light Sky Blue
- **DMC 3078** Very Light Golden Yellow
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- **DMC 3705** Dark Melon