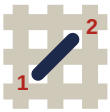
Preppy owl with a bow tie

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 742): 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, 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
●	**3326**	Light Rose	1,102	2
■	**BLANC**	White	974	1
▲	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	714	1
◆	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	580	1
▼	**797**	Royal Blue	262	1
★	**742**	Light Tangerine	240	1
❖	**3804**	Dark Cyclamen Pink	237	1
X	**738**	Very Light Tan	218	1
H	**701**	Light Green	202	1
+	**915**	Dark Plum	168	1
=	**434**	Light Brown	151	1
Z	**809**	Delft Blue	132	1
A	**436**	Tan	104	1
V	**604**	Light Cranberry	53	1
T	**783**	Medium Topaz	47	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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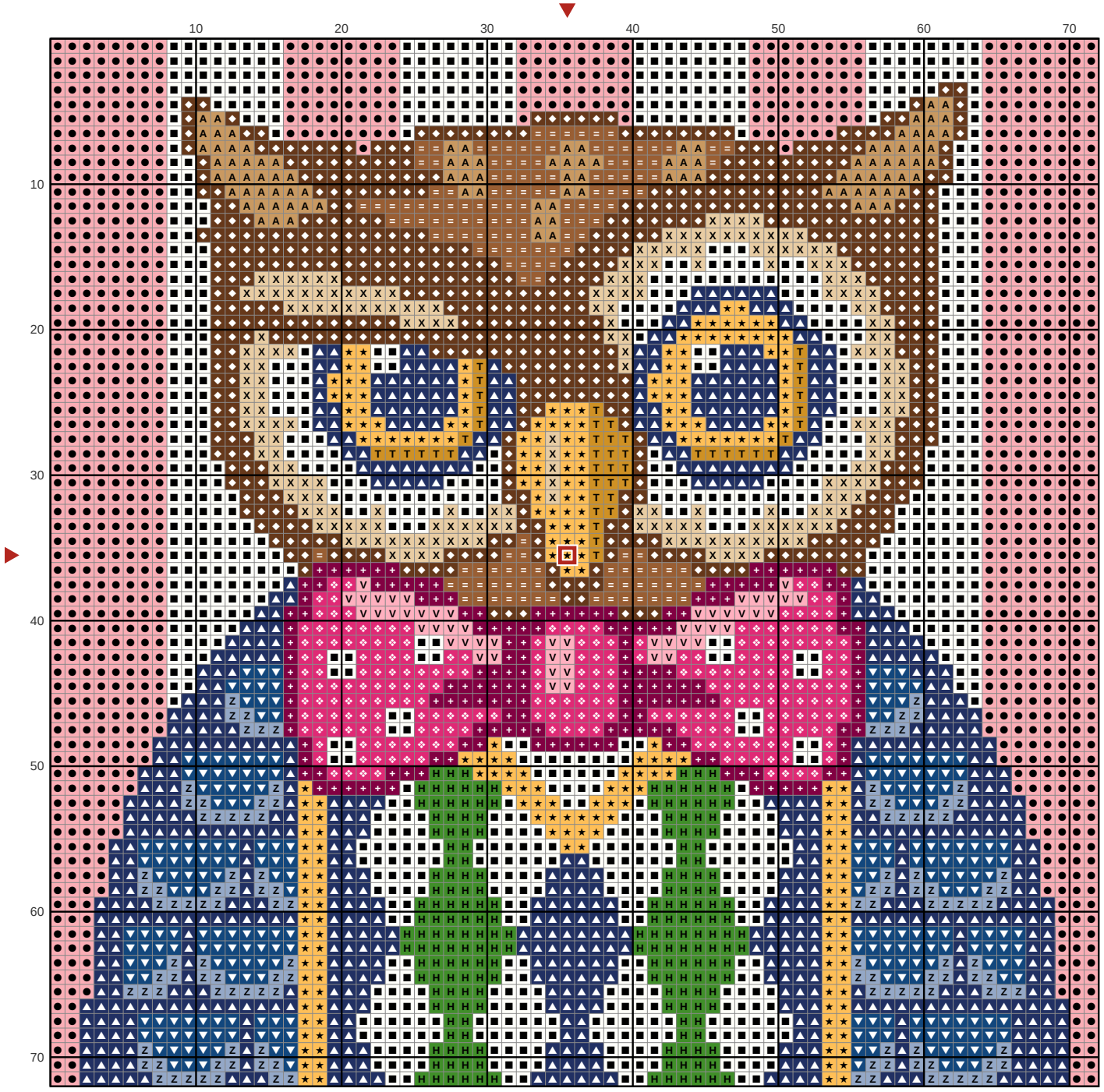
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3326** Light Rose
- ■ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▲ **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- ◆ **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- ▼ **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- ★ **DMC 742** Light Tangerine
- ❖ **DMC 3804** Dark Cyclamen Pink
- X **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- H **DMC 701** Light Green
- \+ **DMC 915** Dark Plum
- = **DMC 434** Light Brown
- Z **DMC 809** Delft Blue
- A **DMC 436** Tan
- V **DMC 604** Light Cranberry
- T **DMC 783** Medium Topaz