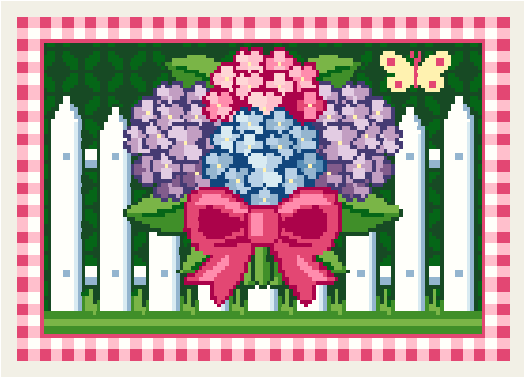
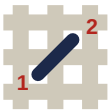
Preppy picket fence with hydrangeas

Needlepoint pattern | 130 x 91 stitches | 10 x 7 in (25.4 x 17.8 cm) on 13 mesh | 20 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 on page 2, column 65, row 46 (DMC 797): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: the seam 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, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 14.5 in wide x 11.5 in high (36.8 x 29.2 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 20. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 20 colors, about 31 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 7 strands (8 if canvas shows).

Make it a pillow: backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. How to finish a pillow.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	BLANC	White	2,206	4
■	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	1,563	3
▲	602	Medium Cranberry	1,496	3
◆	605	Very Light Cranberry	1,373	3
▼	701	Light Green	699	2
★	699	Green	693	2
❖	150	Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose	550	1
X	703	Chartreuse	542	1
H	3755	Baby Blue	463	1
+	32	Dark Blueberry	408	1
=	210	Medium Lavender	345	1
Z	775	Very Light Baby Blue	319	1
A	211	Light Lavender	262	1
V	797	Royal Blue	229	1
T	3806	Light Cyclamen Pink	198	1
N	3325	Light Baby Blue	168	1
S	727	Very Light Topaz	156	1
K	208	Very Dark Lavender	78	1
E	963	Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	69	1
C	322	Dark Baby Blue	13	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 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.

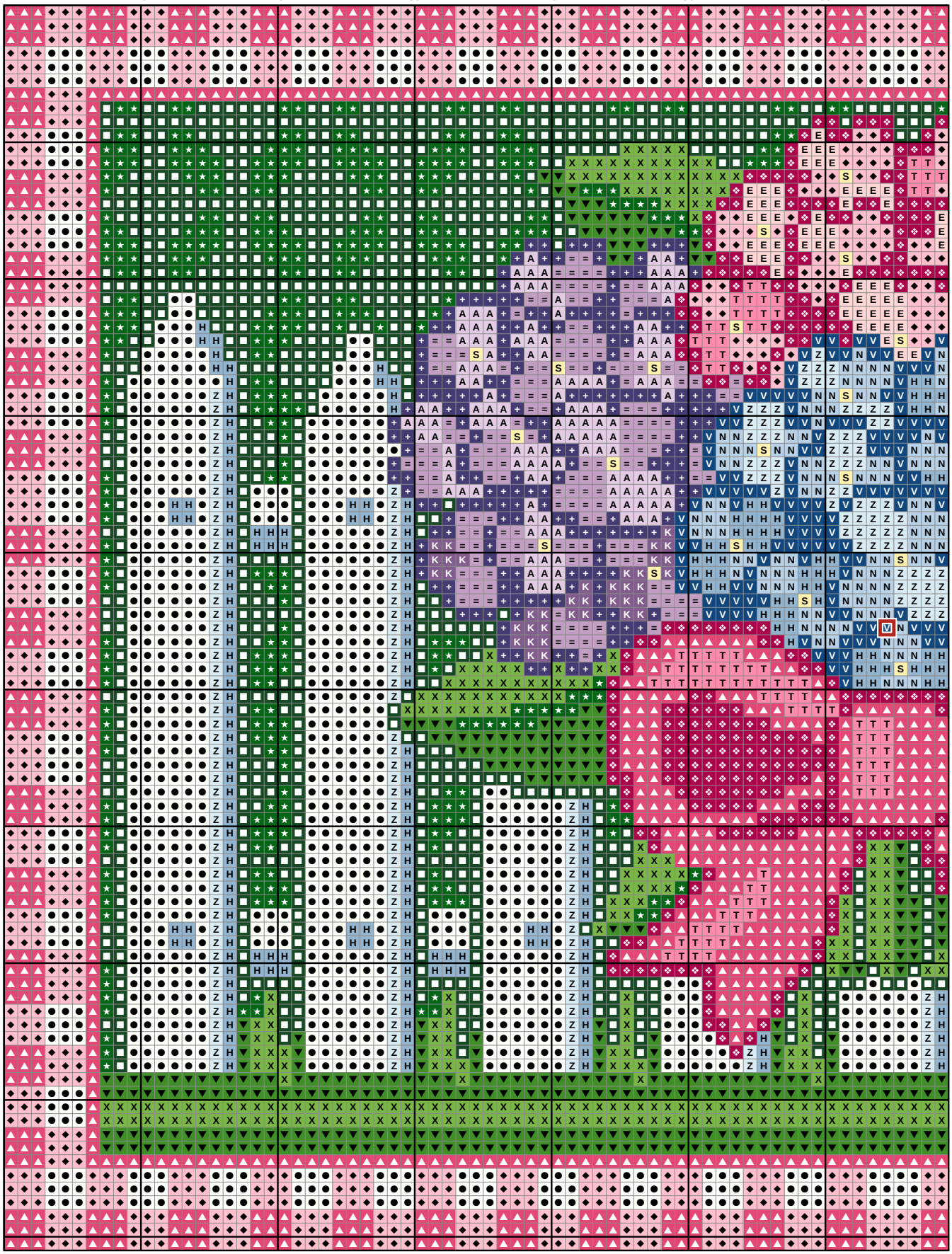
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Needlepoint pattern

Columns 1 to 69, rows 1 to 91. Start at the red outline

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Preppy picket fence with hydrangeas Needlepoint pattern

Columns 70 to 130, rows 1 to 91. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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