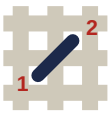
Preppy pinecone with a pink bow

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 712): 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, 13 colors, about 14 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
●	**3841**	Pale Baby Blue	1,114	2
■	**BLANC**	White	850	1
▲	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	471	1
◆	**712**	Cream	471	1
▼	**436**	Tan	448	1
★	**3805**	Cyclamen Pink	400	1
❖	**150**	Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose	297	1
X	**3325**	Light Baby Blue	278	1
H	**702**	Kelly Green	278	1
+	**700**	Bright Green	216	1
=	**434**	Light Brown	216	1
Z	**604**	Light Cranberry	73	1
A	**895**	Very Dark Hunter Green	72	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 3841** Pale Baby Blue
- ■ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▲ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- ◆ **DMC 712** Cream
- ▼ **DMC 436** Tan
- ★ **DMC 3805** Cyclamen Pink
- ❖ **DMC 150** Ultra Very Dark Dusty Rose
- X **DMC 3325** Light Baby Blue
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