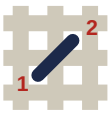
Preppy puffin in a bow tie

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 BLANC): 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, 12 colors, about 12 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				stitches	skeins
●	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,024	1	❖	**798**	Dark Delft Blue	185	1
■	**954**	Nile Green	912	1	X	**726**	Light Topaz	156	1
▲	**BLANC**	White	859	1	H	**946**	Medium Burnt Orange	141	1
◆	**3806**	Light Cyclamen Pink	695	1	+	**702**	Kelly Green	125	1
▼	**700**	Bright Green	633	1	=	**3325**	Light Baby Blue	87	1
★	**605**	Very Light Cranberry	327	1	Z	**741**	Medium Tangerine	40	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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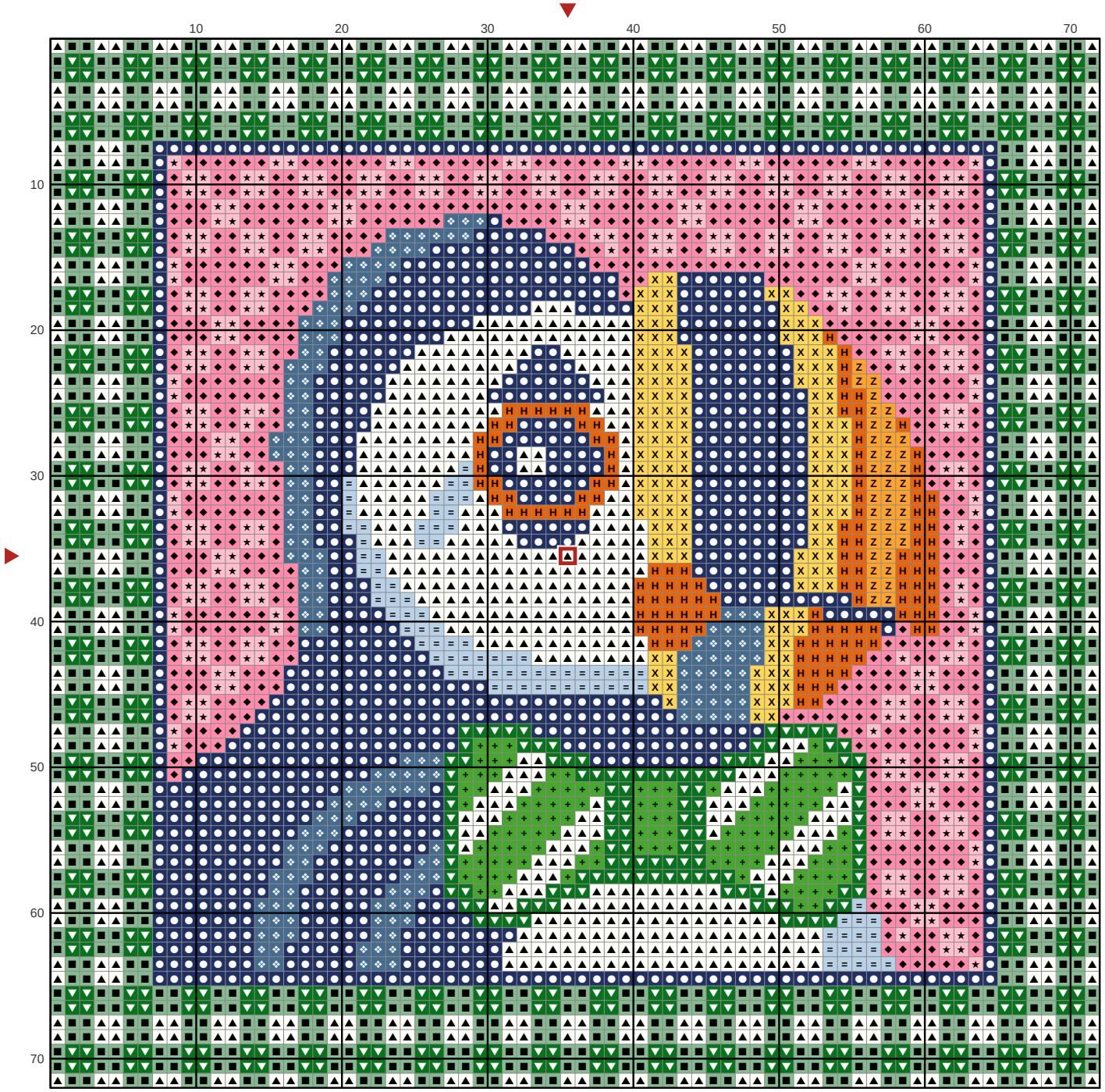
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 954** Nile Green
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 3806** Light Cyclamen Pink
- **DMC 700** Bright Green
- **DMC 605** Very Light Cranberry
- **DMC 798** Dark Delft Blue
- **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- **DMC 946** Medium Burnt Orange
- **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- **DMC 3325** Light Baby Blue
- **DMC 741** Medium Tangerine