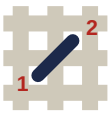
Preppy scarab

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 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 700: 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, 14 colors, about 15 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
●	**700**	Bright Green	796	2
■	**605**	Very Light Cranberry	760	1
▲	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	688	1
◆	**818**	Baby Pink	658	1
▼	**B5200**	Snow White	568	1
★	**602**	Medium Cranberry	512	1
❖	**995**	Dark Electric Blue	254	1
X	**3843**	Electric Blue	218	1
H	**3846**	Light Bright Turquoise	204	1
+	**307**	Lemon	196	1
=	**797**	Royal Blue	188	1
Z	**747**	Very Light Sky Blue	82	1
A	**166**	Medium Light Moss Green	40	1
V	**3078**	Very Light Golden Yellow	20	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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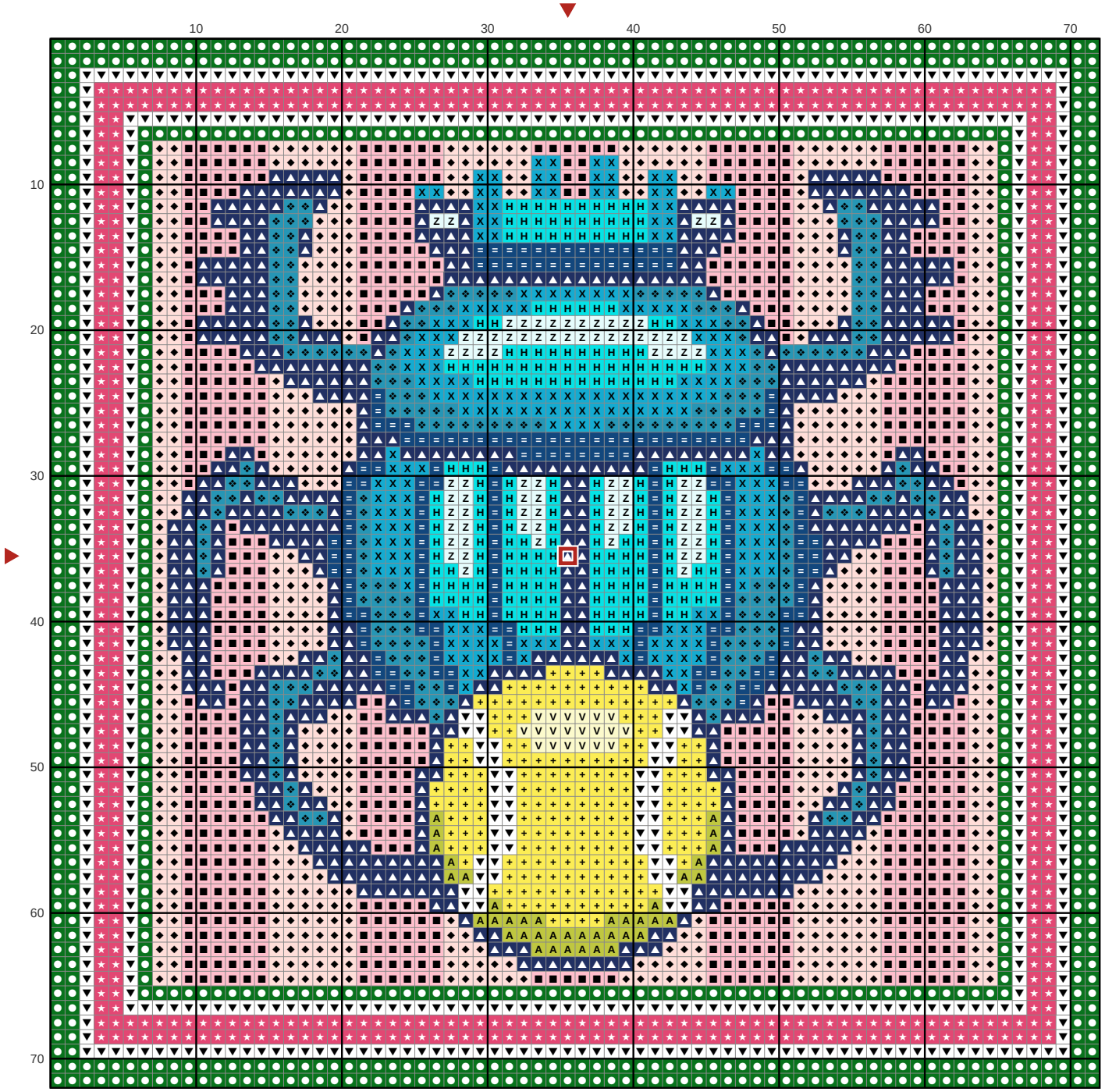
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- DMC 700 Bright Green
- DMC 605 Very Light Cranberry
- DMC 823 Dark Navy Blue
- DMC 818 Baby Pink
- DMC B5200 Snow White
- DMC 602 Medium Cranberry
- DMC 995 Dark Electric Blue
- DMC 3843 Electric Blue
- DMC 3846 Light Bright Turquoise
- DMC 307 Lemon
- DMC 797 Royal Blue
- DMC 747 Very Light Sky Blue
- DMC 166 Medium Light Moss Green
- DMC 3078 Very Light Golden Yellow