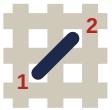
Preppy strawberry with a green bow

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 907): 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, 16 colors, about 18 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
●	**963**	Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	1,288	2
■	**BLANC**	White	1,074	2
▲	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	414	1
◆	**912**	Light Emerald Green	378	1
▼	**957**	Pale Geranium	344	1
★	**666**	Bright Red	311	1
❖	**498**	Dark Red	258	1
X	**814**	Dark Garnet	222	1
H	**936**	Very Dark Avocado Green	221	1
+	**906**	Medium Parrot Green	158	1
=	**905**	Dark Parrot Green	157	1
Z	**910**	Dark Emerald Green	98	1
A	**907**	Light Parrot Green	95	1
V	**744**	Pale Yellow	84	1
T	**3801**	Very Dark Melon	62	1
N	**3716**	Very Light Rose	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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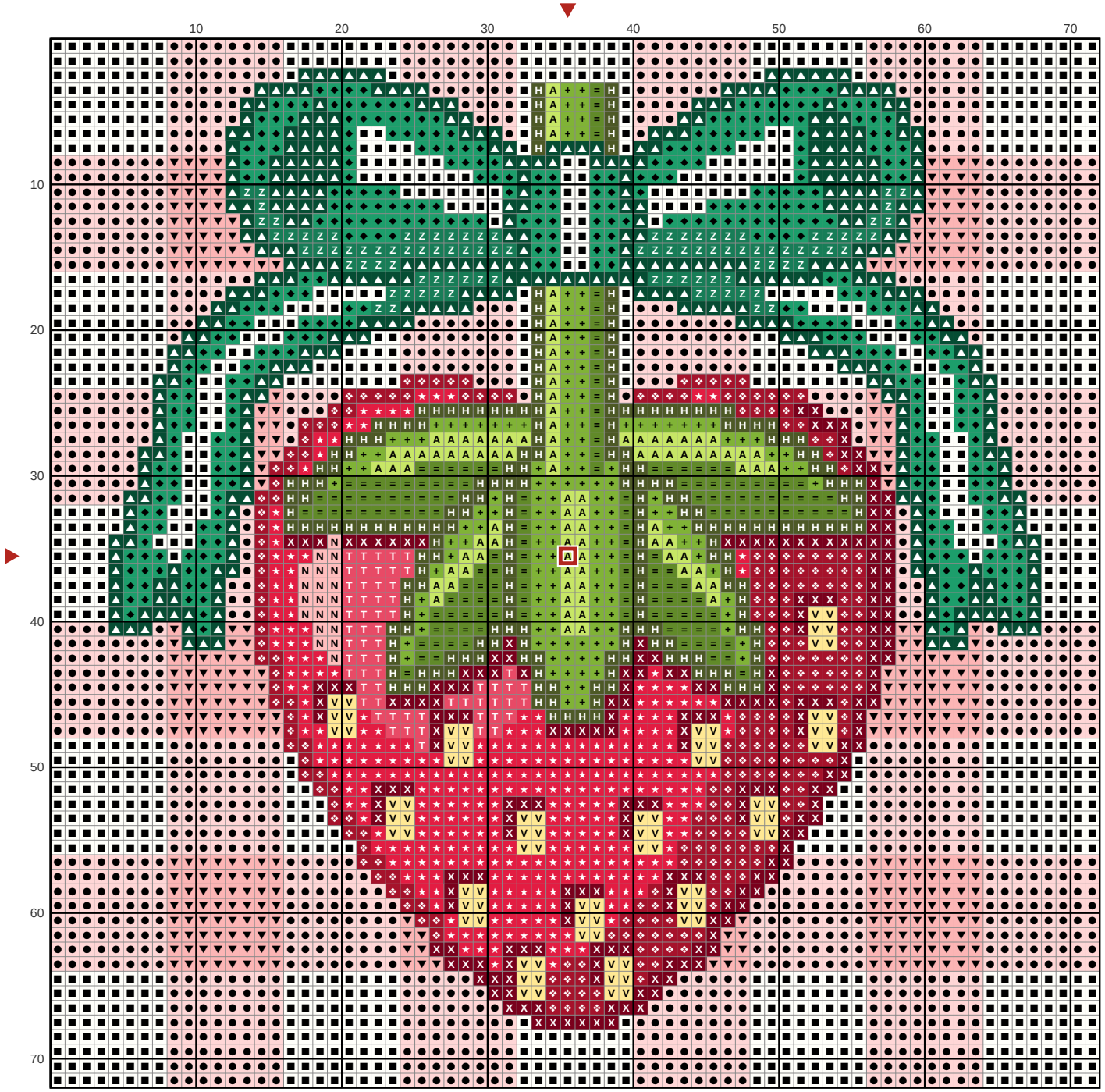
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 963** Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
- ■ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▲ **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- ◆ **DMC 912** Light Emerald Green
- ▼ **DMC 957** Pale Geranium
- ★ **DMC 666** Bright Red
- ❖ **DMC 498** Dark Red
- X **DMC 814** Dark Garnet
- H **DMC 936** Very Dark Avocado Green
- \+ **DMC 906** Medium Parrot Green
- = **DMC 905** Dark Parrot Green
- Z **DMC 910** Dark Emerald Green
- A **DMC 907** Light Parrot Green
- V **DMC 744** Pale Yellow
- T **DMC 3801** Very Dark Melon
- N **DMC 3716** Very Light Rose