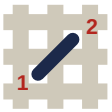
Preppy torii gate with cherry blossom

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 964): 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 17 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
●	**964**	Light Seagreen	1,420	2
□	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	612	1
▲	**ECRU**	Ecru	530	1
◆	**598**	Light Turquoise	350	1
▼	**3805**	Cyclamen Pink	348	1
★	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	340	1
❖	**350**	Medium Coral	317	1
X	**648**	Light Beaver Gray	282	1
H	**701**	Light Green	262	1
+	**336**	Navy Blue	236	1
=	**3706**	Medium Melon	124	1
Z	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	108	1
A	**817**	Very Dark Coral Red	106	1
V	**BLANC**	White	100	1
T	**915**	Dark Plum	29	1
N	**743**	Medium 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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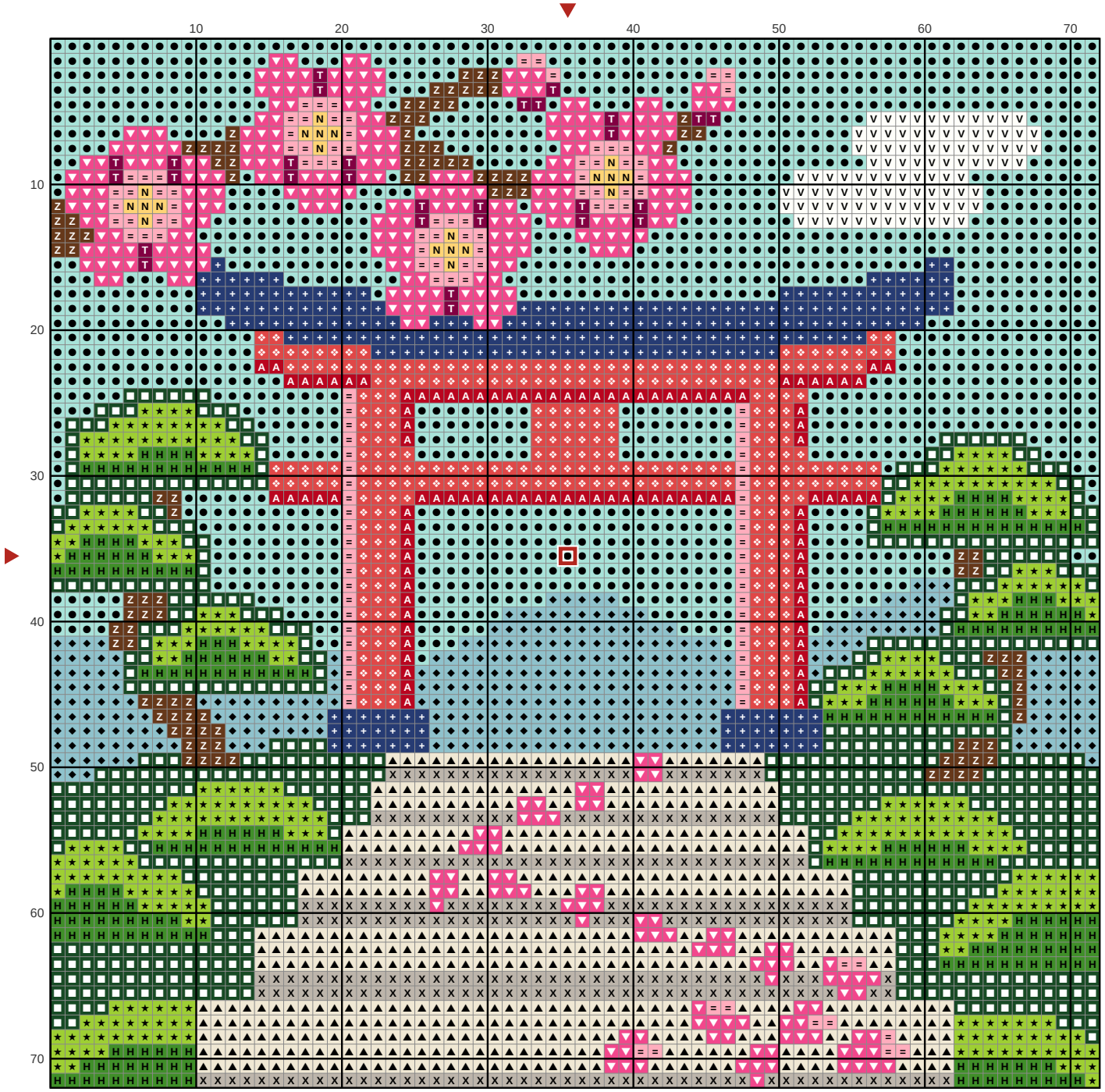
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 964** Light Seagreen
- ❖ **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- A **DMC 817** Very Dark Coral Red
- ■ **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- X **DMC 648** Light Beaver Gray
- V **DMC BLANC** White
- ▲ **DMC ECRU** Ecru
- H **DMC 701** Light Green
- T **DMC 915** Dark Plum
- ◆ **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- \+ **DMC 336** Navy Blue
- N **DMC 743** Medium Yellow
- ▼ **DMC 3805** Cyclamen Pink
- = **DMC 3706** Medium Melon
- ★ **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- Z **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown