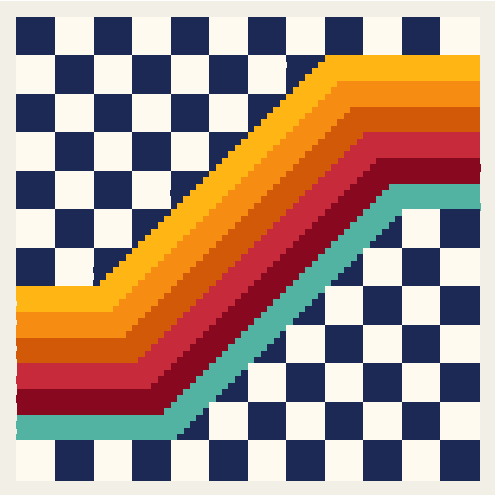
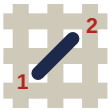
# Racing check

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 8 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 900): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color.

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 in square (20.3 cm).

**Needle:** blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

**Thread:** six-strand floss, 8 colors, about 10 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

**Make it a coaster:** felt or cork for the back, or a coaster blank with an opening this size. For a blank, measure its opening before you stitch. If the piece is small for it, stitch two extra rows all round, carrying the colors of the edge on.
How to make coasters.

## Thread list

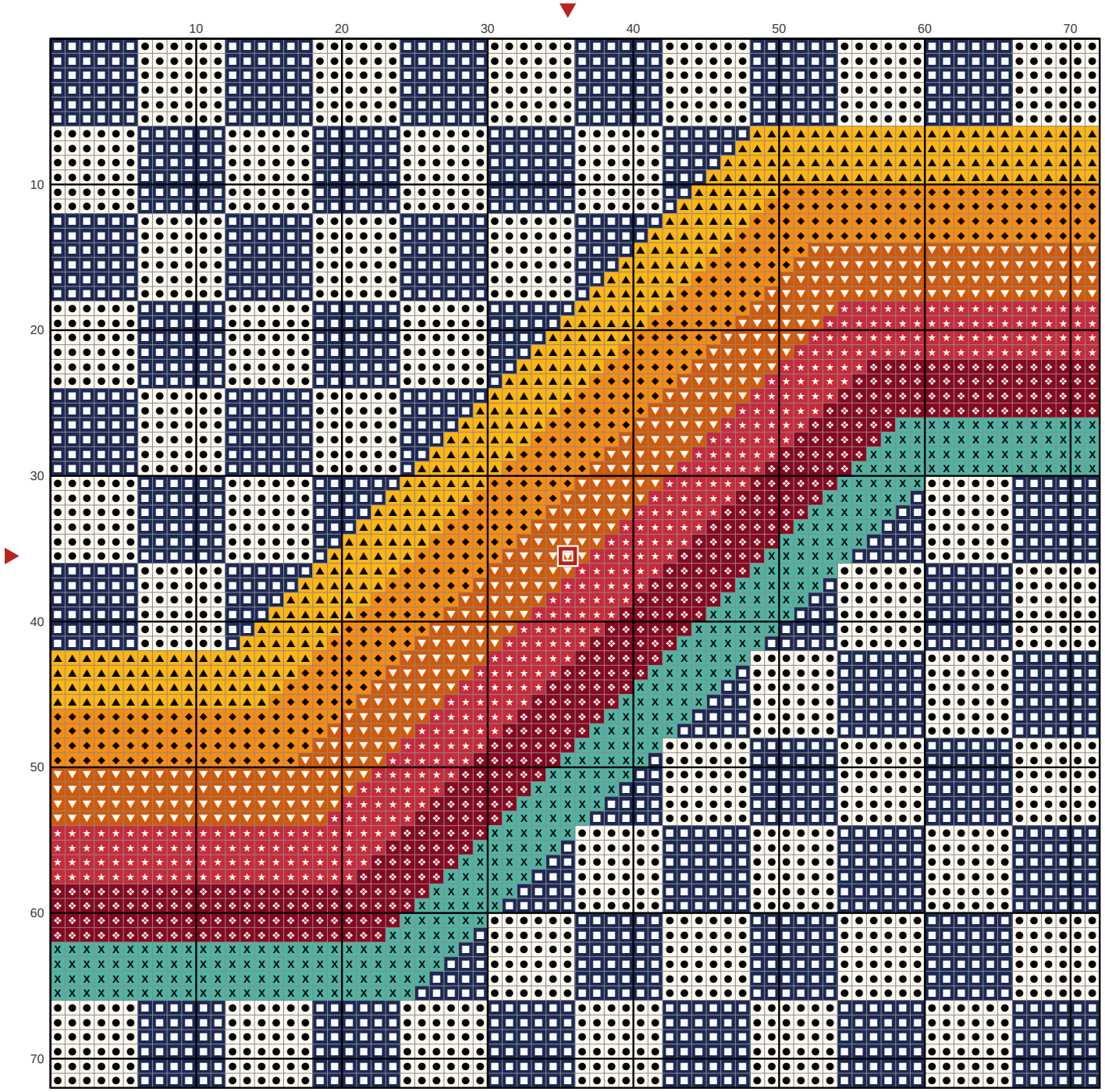
| | | | stitches | skeins of floss |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ● | **DMC 712** | Cream | 1,512 | 2 |
| ■ | **DMC 939** | Very Dark Navy Blue | 1,512 | 2 |
| ▲ | **DMC 972** | Deep Canary | 360 | 1 |
| ◆ | **DMC 970** | Light Pumpkin | 360 | 1 |
| ▼ | **DMC 900** | Dark Burnt Orange | 360 | 1 |
| ★ | **DMC 321** | Red | 360 | 1 |
| ❖ | **DMC 815** | Medium Garnet | 360 | 1 |
| X | **DMC 3849** | Light Teal Green | 360 | 1 |

Skeins are estimates: 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




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