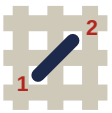
# Retro apple core

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 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 3852): 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, 11 colors, about 11 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ● | **3852** | Very Dark Straw | 1,005 | 1 |
| ■ | **970** | Light Pumpkin | 796 | 1 |
| ▲ | **744** | Pale Yellow | 719 | 1 |
| ◆ | **898** | Very Dark Coffee Brown | 663 | 1 |
| ▼ | **919** | Red Copper | 596 | 1 |
| ★ | **817** | Very Dark Coral Red | 511 | 1 |
| ❖ | **712** | Cream | 428 | 1 |
| X | **3810** | Dark Turquoise | 280 | 1 |
| H | **738** | Very Light Tan | 64 | 1 |
| + | **936** | Very Dark Avocado Green | 63 | 1 |
| = | **733** | Medium Olive Green | 59 | 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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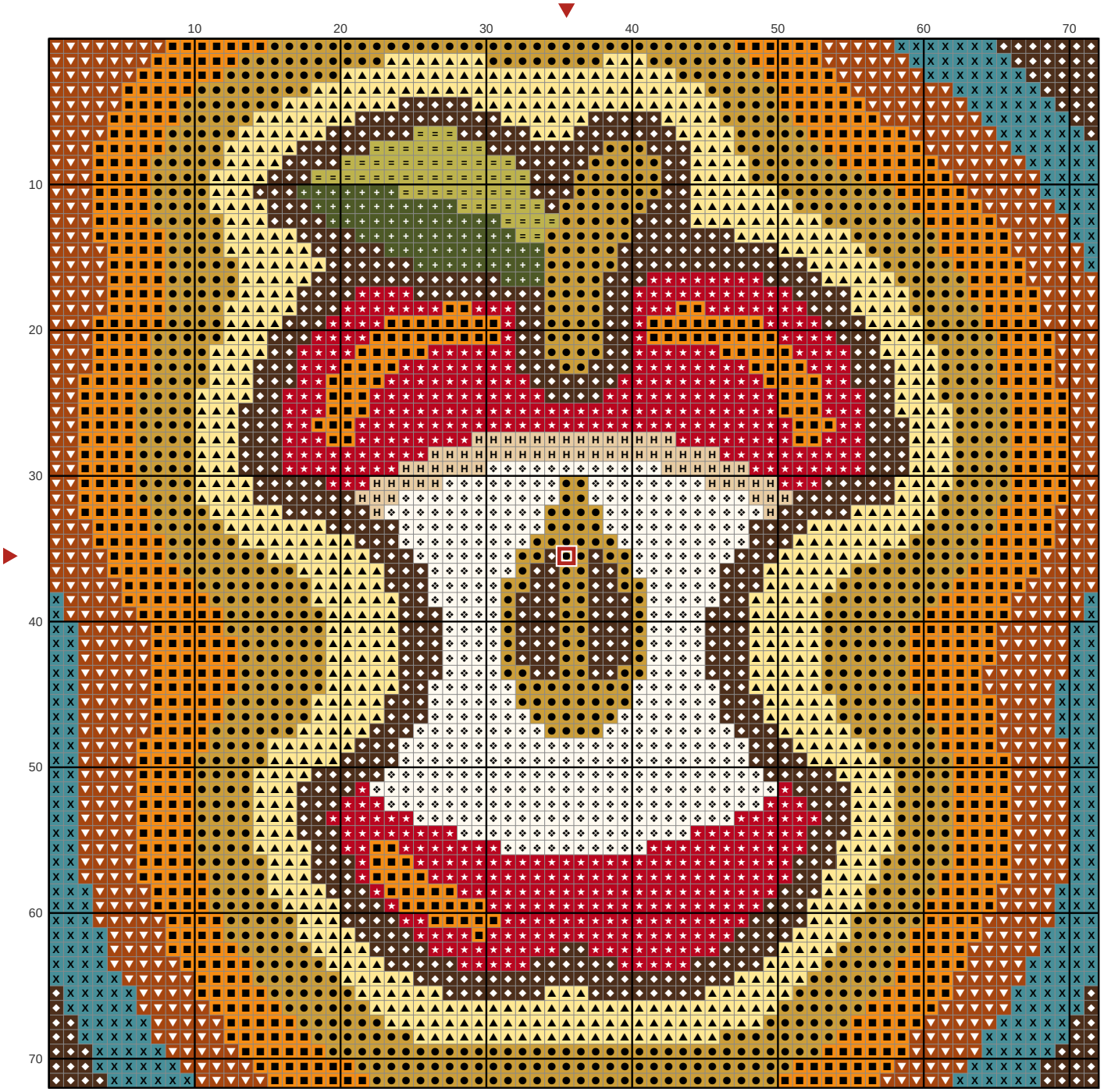
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline




## Key

- ● **DMC 3852** Very Dark Straw
- ■ **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- ▲ **DMC 744** Pale Yellow
- ◆ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- ▼ **DMC 919** Red Copper
- ★ **DMC 817** Very Dark Coral Red
- ❖ **DMC 712** Cream
- X **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- H **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- \+ **DMC 936** Very Dark Avocado Green
- = **DMC 733** Medium Olive Green