Retro dumpster fire

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	1,059	8	1
■	**DMC 970**	Light Pumpkin	786	6	1
▲	**DMC 712**	Cream	621	5	1
◆	**DMC 745**	Light Pale Yellow	512	4	1
▼	**DMC 3820**	Dark Straw	492	4	1
★	**DMC 3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	332	3	1
❖	**DMC 347**	Very Dark Salmon	324	3	1
X	**DMC 470**	Light Avocado Green	280	2	1
O	**DMC 598**	Light Turquoise	214	2	1
+	**DMC 3810**	Dark Turquoise	206	2	1
=	**DMC 742**	Light Tangerine	146	1	1
Z	**DMC 3811**	Very Light Turquoise	124	1	1
A	**DMC 936**	Very Dark Avocado Green	88	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 13 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 13 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 13 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and 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 (about 42 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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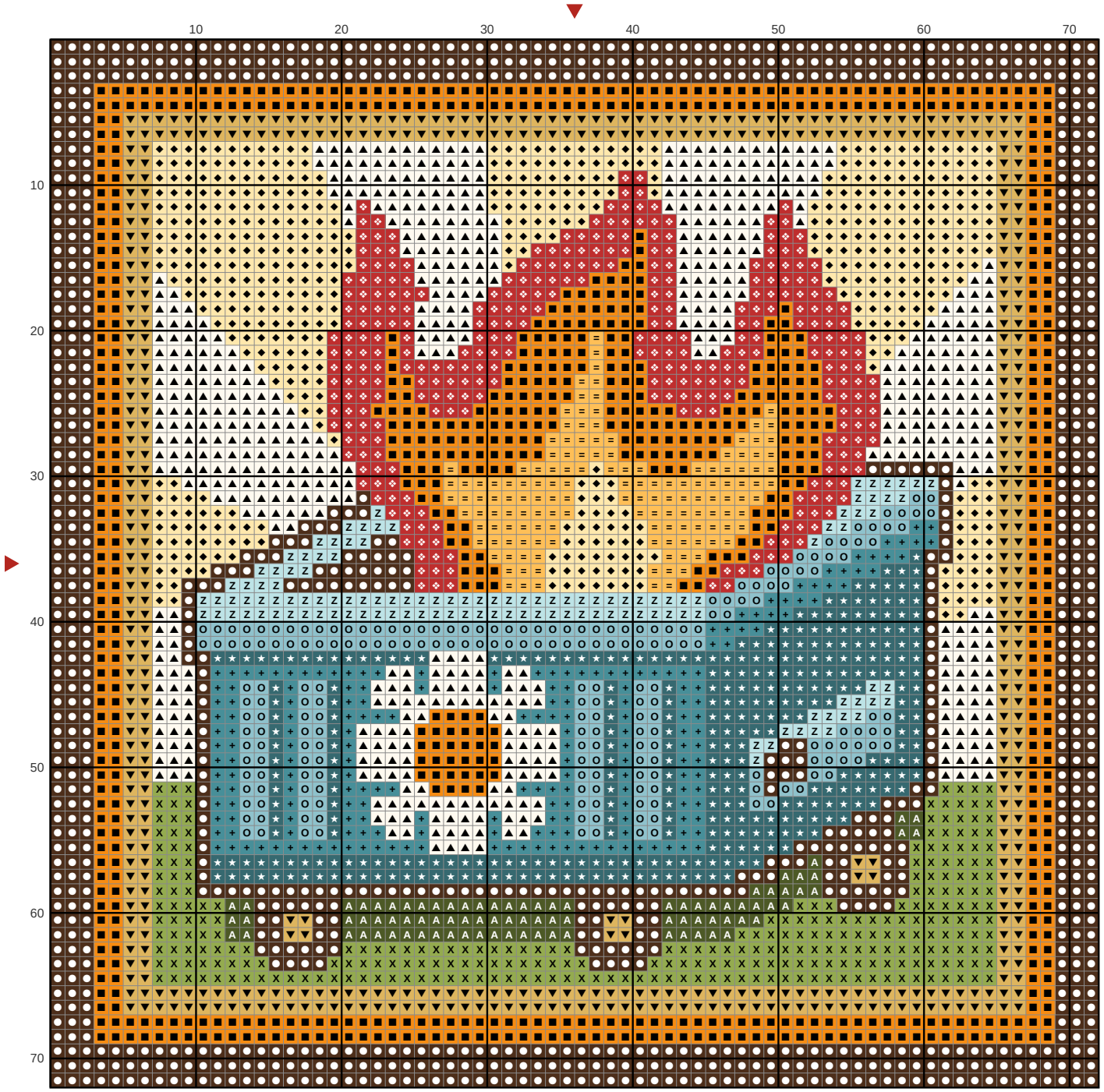
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches



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