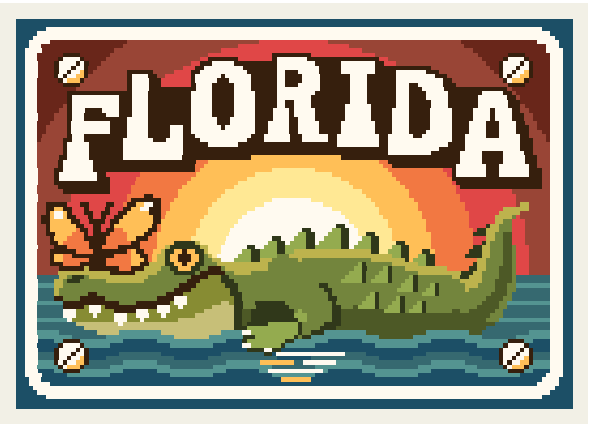
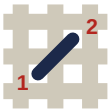
Florida license plate, sunset alligator

Needlepoint pattern | 130 x 91 stitches | 10 x 7 in (25.4 x 17.8 cm) on 13 mesh | 18 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 on page 2, column 65, row 46 (DMC 712): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 311: the seam 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, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 14.5 in wide x 11.5 in high (36.8 x 29.2 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 20. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 18 colors, about 29 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 7 strands (8 if canvas shows).

Make it a pillow: backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. How to finish a pillow.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	712	Cream	2,813	5
□	938	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	1,728	3
▲	311	Medium Navy Blue	1,514	4
◆	355	Dark Terra Cotta	773	2
▼	469	Avocado Green	721	2
★	742	Light Tangerine	638	1
❖	3848	Medium Teal Green	480	1
X	721	Medium Orange Spice	436	1
H	3808	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	404	1
+	350	Medium Coral	382	1
=	744	Pale Yellow	376	1
Z	3857	Dark Rosewood	338	1
A	934	Black Avocado Green	284	1
V	936	Very Dark Avocado Green	243	1
T	733	Medium Olive Green	233	1
N	470	Light Avocado Green	209	1
S	734	Light Olive Green	134	1
K	580	Dark Moss Green	124	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 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.

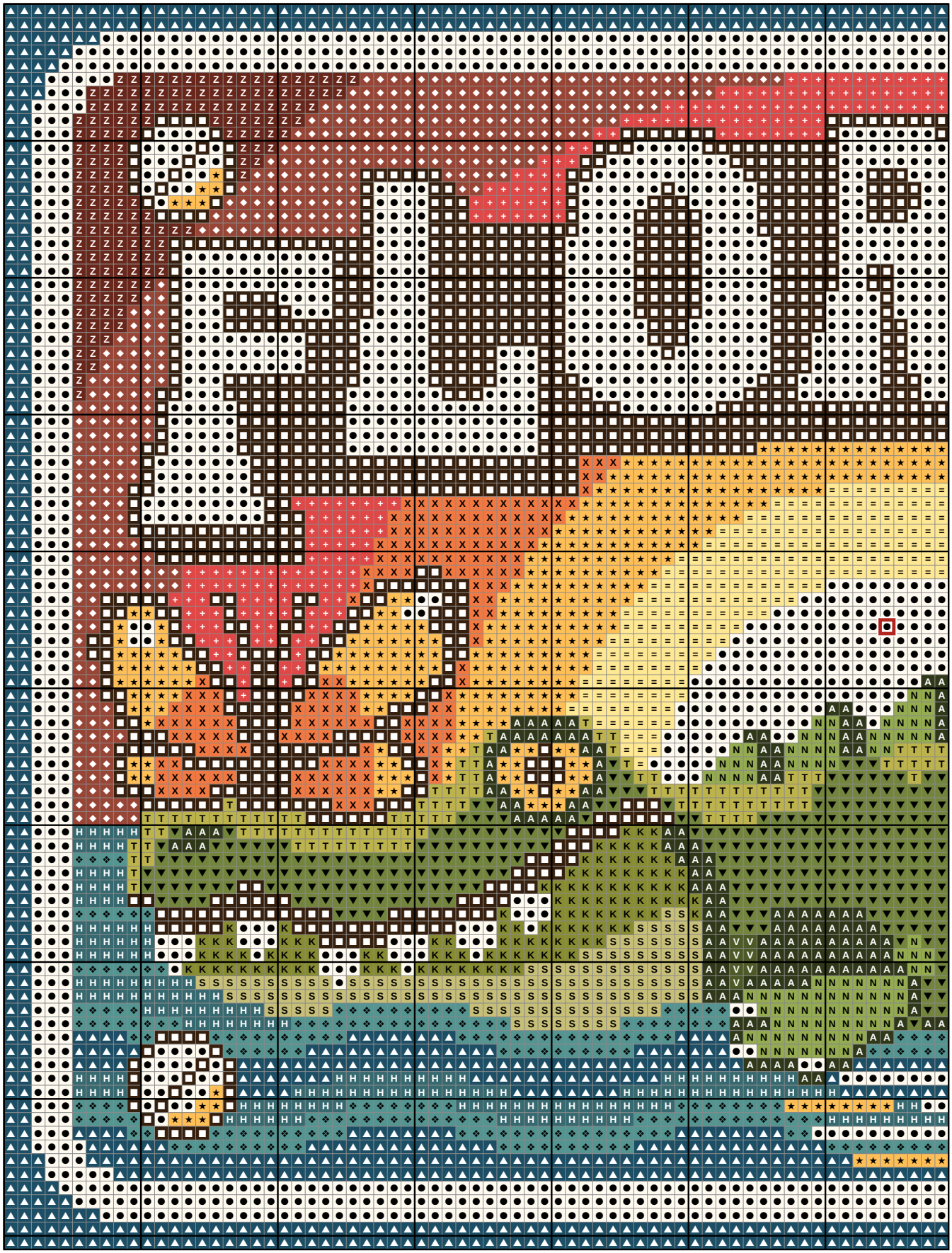
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Needlepoint pattern

Columns 1 to 69, rows 1 to 91. Start at the red outline

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Florida license plate, sunset alligator Needlepoint pattern

Columns 70 to 130, rows 1 to 91. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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