Retro pumpkin stack

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 10 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 726**	Light Topaz	2,832	20	3
□	**DMC 898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	830	6	1
+	**DMC 740**	Tangerine	326	3	1
◆	**DMC ECRU**	Ecru	245	2	1
★	**DMC 905**	Dark Parrot Green	208	2	1
❖	**DMC 959**	Medium Seagreen	199	2	1
▲	**DMC 310**	Black	190	2	1
O	**DMC 900**	Dark Burnt Orange	149	2	1
X	**DMC 738**	Very Light Tan	116	1	1
▼	**DMC 3812**	Very Dark Seagreen	89	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 12 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 10 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 10 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 41 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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