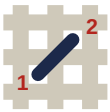
Retro skull with flower eyes

Needlepoint pattern | 54 x 54 stitches | 3 x 3 in (7.6 x 7.6 cm) on 18 mesh | 5 colors



How to read the chart



1. Each square is one tent stitch: up at 1, down at 2. All slant the same way.
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 (DMC 739): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Stitch the picture, then the background, then stray dots. End the thread before crossing another color.
5. A heavier line stands every ten squares: count by them.
6. First time? How to needlepoint.

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You will need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 7 x 7 in (17.8 x 17.8 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 strands in the needle (5 or 6 if canvas shows), about 5 skeins in all (an estimate).

Fit it into a lid: the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first. Stitch two extra rows all round, carrying the colors of the edge on: the edge of the opening covers them. How to fit it into a lid.

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	812	1
■	**DMC 739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	752	1
▲	**DMC 3820**	Dark Straw	578	1
◆	**DMC 3848**	Medium Teal Green	518	1
▼	**DMC 920**	Medium Copper	256	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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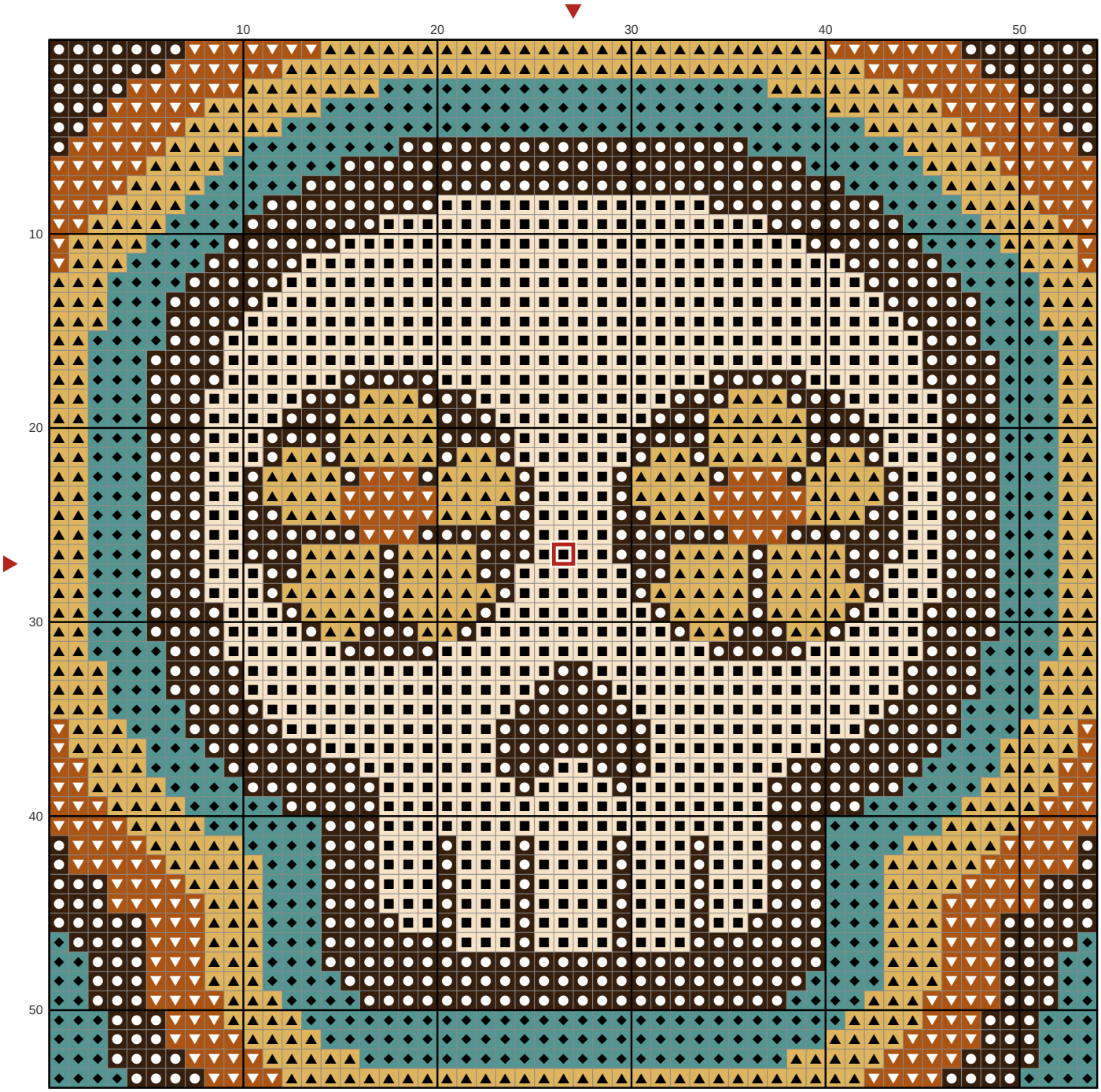

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