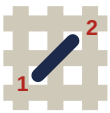
Retro thistle with sunset arcs

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 915): 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, 13 colors, about 14 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
●	**712**	Cream	1,170	1
□	**938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	1,068	2
▲	**725**	Medium Light Topaz	574	1
◆	**970**	Light Pumpkin	433	1
▼	**915**	Dark Plum	376	1
★	**919**	Red Copper	290	1
❖	**471**	Very Light Avocado Green	275	1
X	**472**	Ultra Light Avocado Green	259	1
H	**469**	Avocado Green	206	1
+	**3607**	Light Plum	193	1
=	**936**	Very Dark Avocado Green	188	1
Z	**3608**	Very Light Plum	114	1
A	**3609**	Ultra Light Plum	38	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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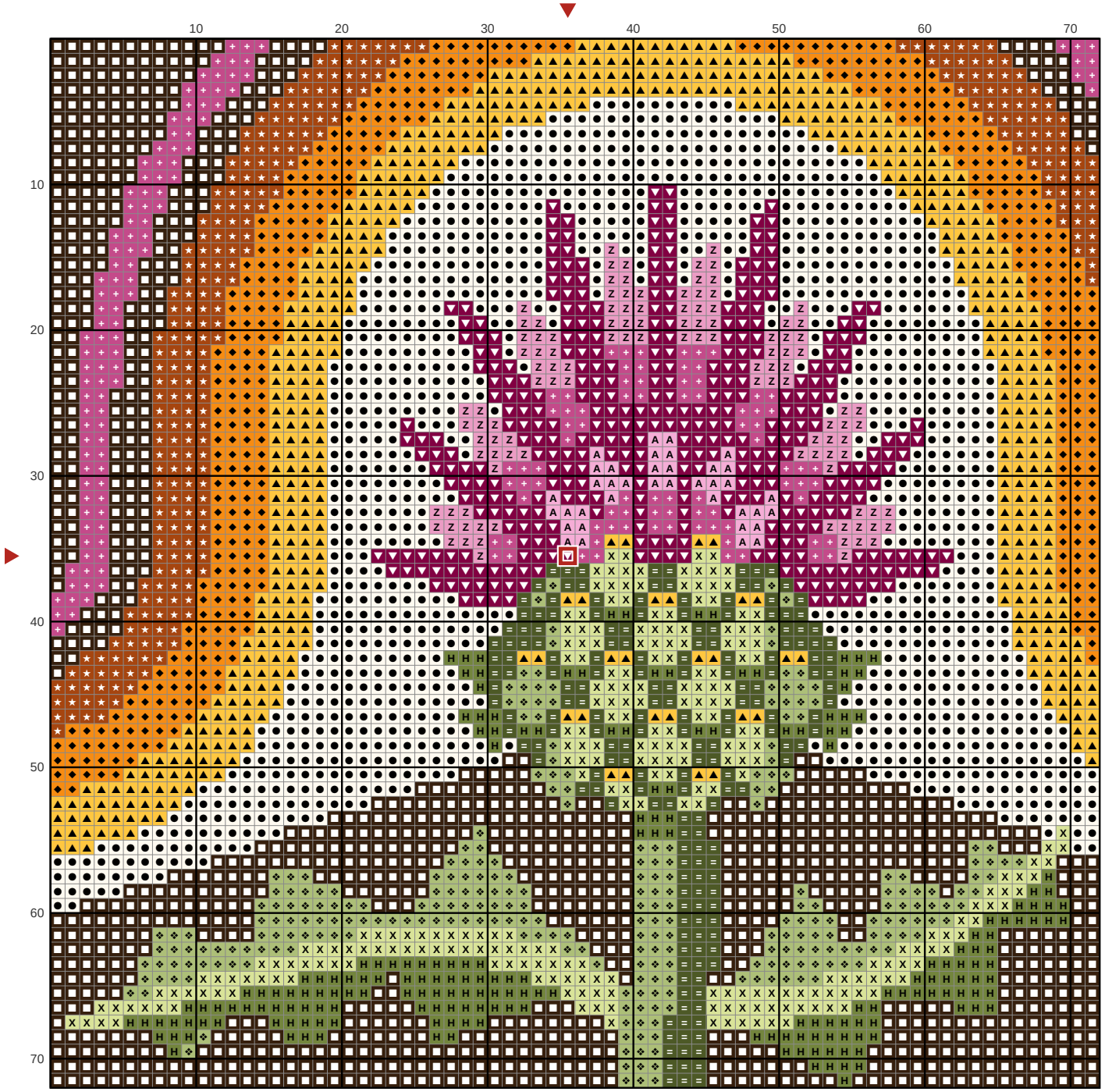
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 712** Cream
- □ **DMC 938** Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
- ▲ **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- ◆ **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- ▼ **DMC 915** Dark Plum
- ★ **DMC 919** Red Copper
- ❖ **DMC 471** Very Light Avocado Green
- X **DMC 472** Ultra Light Avocado Green
- H **DMC 469** Avocado Green
- \+ **DMC 3607** Light Plum
- = **DMC 936** Very Dark Avocado Green
- Z **DMC 3608** Very Light Plum
- A **DMC 3609** Ultra Light Plum