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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
●	**DMC 3810**	Dark Turquoise	938	7	1
■	**DMC 712**	Cream	902	7	1
▲	**DMC 938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	738	6	1
◆	**DMC 783**	Medium Topaz	630	5	1
▼	**DMC 434**	Light Brown	540	4	1
★	**DMC 602**	Medium Cranberry	496	4	1
❖	**DMC 720**	Dark Orange Spice	378	3	1
X	**DMC 919**	Red Copper	360	3	1
O	**DMC 725**	Medium Light Topaz	182	2	1
+	**DMC 898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	20	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 10 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 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

