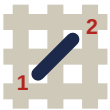
Scalloped peacock feather Easter egg

Needlepoint pattern | 54 x 72 stitches | 3 x 4 in (7.6 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 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 27, row 36 (DMC 550): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color. Empty squares stay bare.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 550: the board's edge hides them.

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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 7.5 in wide x 8.5 in high (19.1 x 21.6 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 11 colors, about 11 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it an egg: board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. How to finish an egg.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**550**	Very Dark Violet	716	1
■	**911**	Medium Emerald Green	506	1
▲	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	402	1
◆	**921**	Copper	268	1
▼	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	248	1
★	**3844**	Dark Bright Turquoise	216	1
❖	**3820**	Dark Straw	200	1
X	**783**	Medium Topaz	146	1
H	**3846**	Light Bright Turquoise	120	1
+	**782**	Dark Topaz	104	1
=	**3837**	Ultra Dark Lavender	24	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: 54 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline

