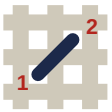
Bless this mess, toys on the stairs

Needlepoint pattern | 130 x 91 stitches | 10 x 7 in (25.4 x 17.8 cm) on 13 mesh | 20 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 on page 2, column 65, row 46 (DMC 347): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: the seam 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, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 14.5 in wide x 11.5 in high (36.8 x 29.2 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 20. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 20 colors, about 32 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 7 strands (8 if canvas shows).

Make it a pillow: backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. How to finish a pillow.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	712	Cream	4,443	7
■	347	Very Dark Salmon	1,796	3
▲	977	Light Golden Brown	792	2
◆	3826	Golden Brown	756	2
▼	3827	Pale Golden Brown	734	2
★	3813	Light Blue Green	575	2
❖	842	Very Light Beige Brown	453	1
X	318	Light Steel Gray	416	1
H	815	Medium Garnet	349	1
+	725	Medium Light Topaz	327	1
=	3848	Medium Teal Green	202	1
Z	3328	Dark Salmon	167	1
A	780	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	157	1
V	798	Dark Delft Blue	148	1
T	414	Dark Steel Gray	142	1
N	799	Medium Delft Blue	102	1
S	727	Very Light Topaz	96	1
K	BLANC	White	86	1
E	413	Dark Pewter Gray	73	1
C	761	Light Salmon	16	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 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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Columns 1 to 69, rows 1 to 91. Start at the red outline

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Columns 70 to 130, rows 1 to 91. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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