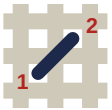
Chickadee trimming a pine cone tree

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 598): 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, 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, 16 colors, about 16 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
●	BLANC	White	625	1
■	3810	Dark Turquoise	614	1
▲	3808	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	578	1
◆	598	Light Turquoise	331	1
▼	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	319	1
★	435	Very Light Brown	272	1
❖	310	Black	267	1
X	3752	Very Light Antique Blue	234	1
H	738	Very Light Tan	154	1
+	712	Cream	149	1
=	414	Dark Steel Gray	144	1
Z	433	Medium Brown	115	1
A	745	Light Pale Yellow	87	1
V	321	Red	81	1
T	648	Light Beaver Gray	72	1
N	815	Medium Garnet	18	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.

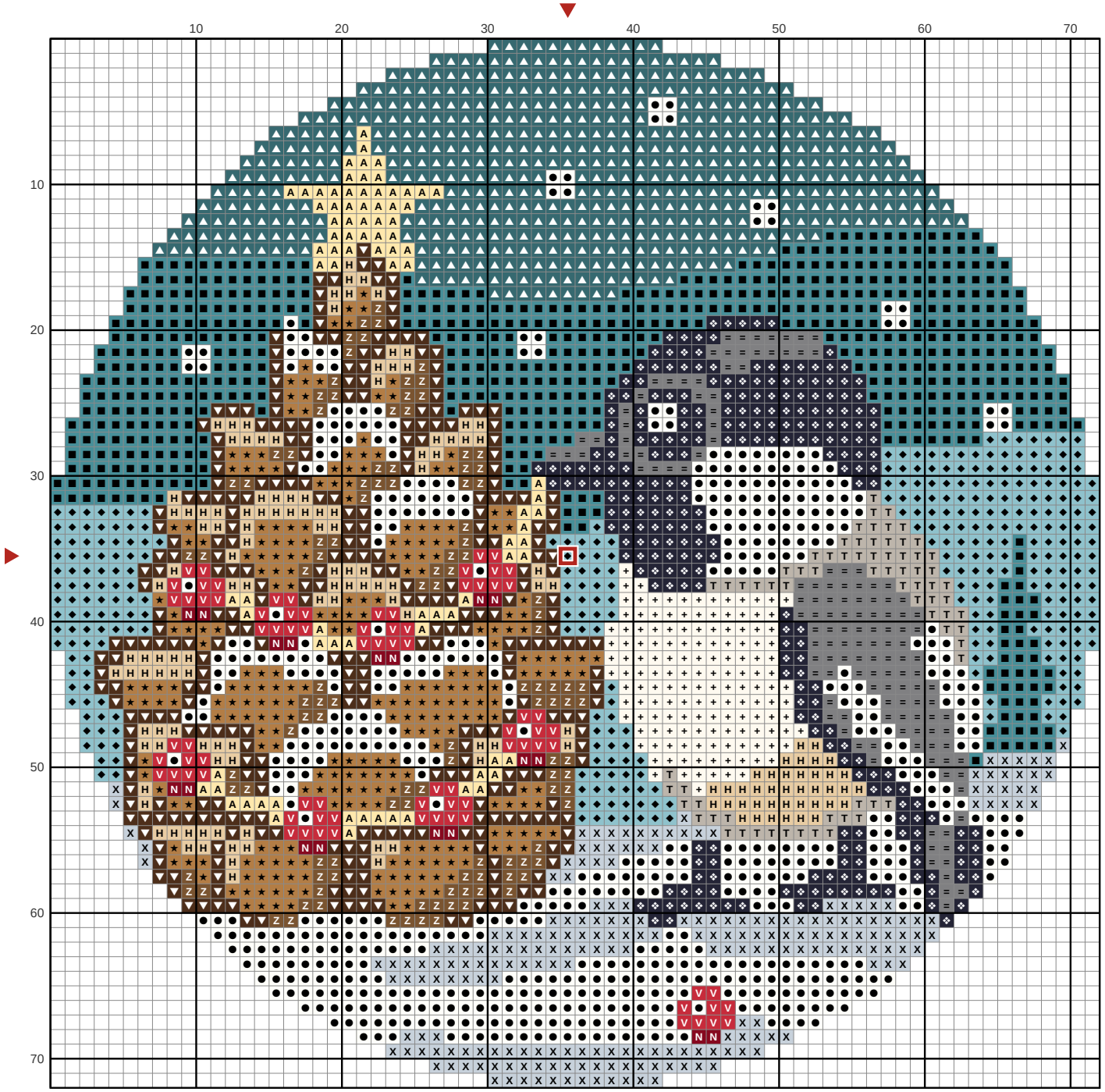
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Needlepoint pattern

Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC BLANC** White
- ■ **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- ▲ **DMC 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- ◆ **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- ▼ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- ★ **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- ❖ **DMC 310** Black
- X **DMC 3752** Very Light Antique Blue
- H **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- \+ **DMC 712** Cream
- = **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
- Z **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- A **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- V **DMC 321** Red
- T **DMC 648** Light Beaver Gray
- N **DMC 815** Medium Garnet