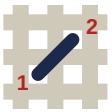
Mail carrier's round ornament

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 321): 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 815: 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 17 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
●	**815**	Medium Garnet	863	2
■	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	514	1
▲	**321**	Red	413	1
◆	**BLANC**	White	386	1
▼	**783**	Medium Topaz	343	1
★	**803**	Ultra Very Dark Baby Blue	253	1
❖	**351**	Coral	202	1
X	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	191	1
H	**3325**	Light Baby Blue	186	1
+	**3371**	Black Brown	177	1
=	**334**	Medium Baby Blue	158	1
Z	**322**	Dark Baby Blue	105	1
A	**3346**	Hunter Green	95	1
V	**433**	Medium Brown	92	1
T	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	72	1
N	**989**	Forest Green	10	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.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Mail carrier's round ornament

Needlepoint pattern

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



Key

- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 321** Red
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 803** Ultra Very Dark Baby Blue
- **DMC 351** Coral
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 3325** Light Baby Blue
- **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- **DMC 334** Medium Baby Blue
- **DMC 322** Dark Baby Blue
- **DMC 3346** Hunter Green
- **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- **DMC 989** Forest Green