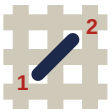
Sunflower ornament

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 470): 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 3371: 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
●	**154**	Very Dark Grape	778	1
■	**3371**	Black Brown	765	2
▲	**300**	Very Dark Mahogany	468	1
◆	**783**	Medium Topaz	415	1
▼	**725**	Medium Light Topaz	335	1
★	**782**	Dark Topaz	312	1
❖	**919**	Red Copper	275	1
X	**938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	169	1
H	**726**	Light Topaz	168	1
+	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	108	1
=	**936**	Very Dark Avocado Green	85	1
Z	**470**	Light Avocado Green	43	1
A	**727**	Very Light Topaz	41	1
V	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	34	1
T	**921**	Copper	32	1
N	**976**	Medium Golden Brown	32	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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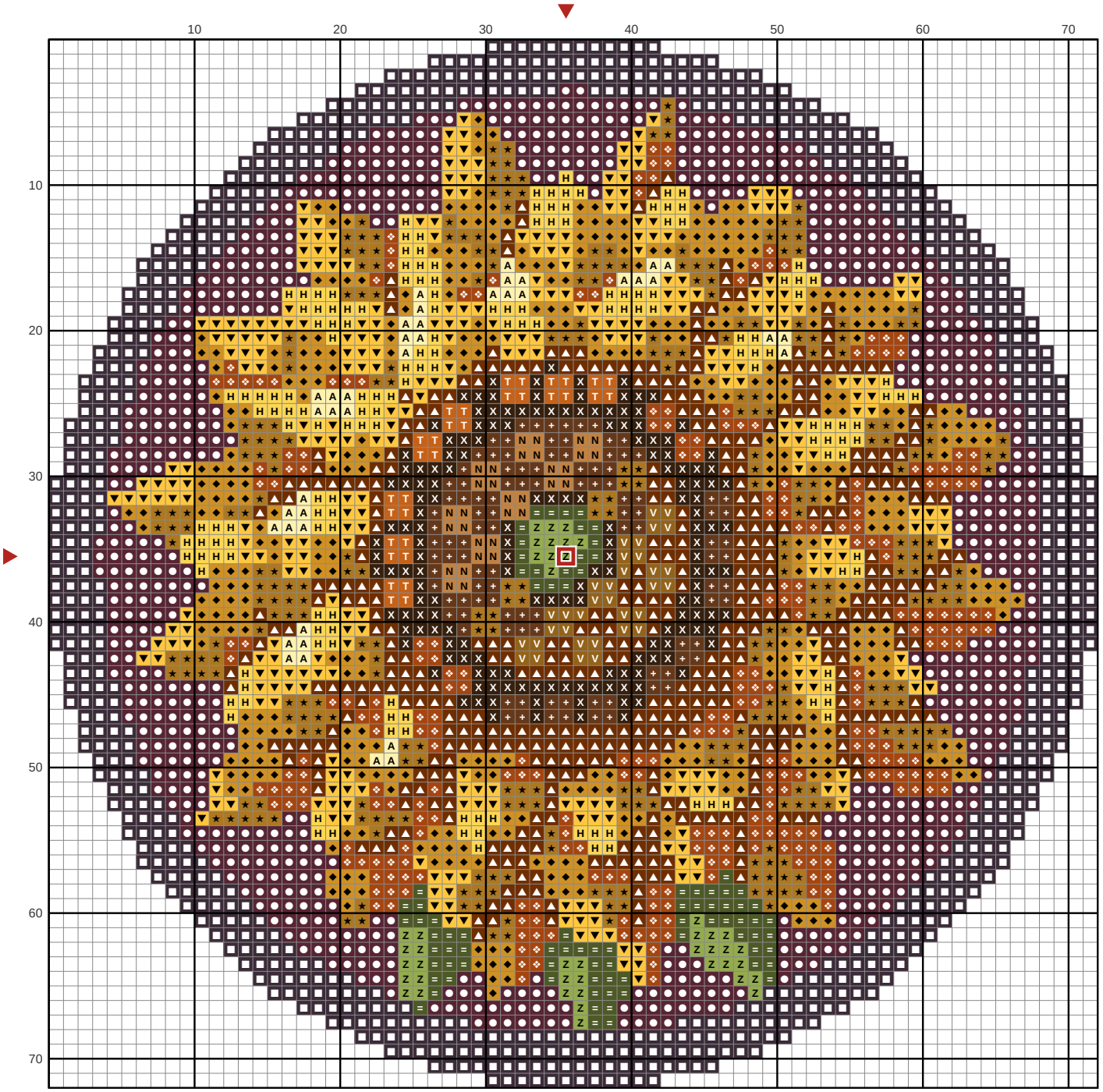
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 154** Very Dark Grape
- ■ **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- ▲ **DMC 300** Very Dark Mahogany
- ◆ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ▼ **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- ★ **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- ❖ **DMC 919** Red Copper
- X **DMC 938** Ultra Dark Coffee Brown
- H **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- \+ **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
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