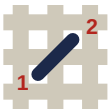
Tartan heart ornament with thistle

Needlepoint pattern | 108 x 123 stitches | 6 x 6.8 in (15.2 x 17.4 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 on page 3, column 54, row 62 (DMC 890): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once. 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.

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What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 10.5 in wide x 11.5 in high (26.7 x 29.2 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
●	336	Navy Blue	1,208	1
■	319	Very Dark Pistachio Green	1,124	1
▲	498	Dark Red	1,082	2
◆	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	794	1
▼	814	Dark Garnet	750	1
★	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	603	1
❖	321	Red	439	1
X	368	Light Pistachio Green	351	1
H	367	Dark Pistachio Green	307	1
+	33	Fuchsia	263	1
=	3609	Ultra Light Plum	125	1
Z	3820	Dark Straw	120	1
A	772	Very Light Yellow Green	109	1
V	29	Eggplant	104	1
T	3712	Medium Salmon	78	1
N	803	Ultra Very Dark Baby Blue	55	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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Columns 3 to 106, rows 3 to 61

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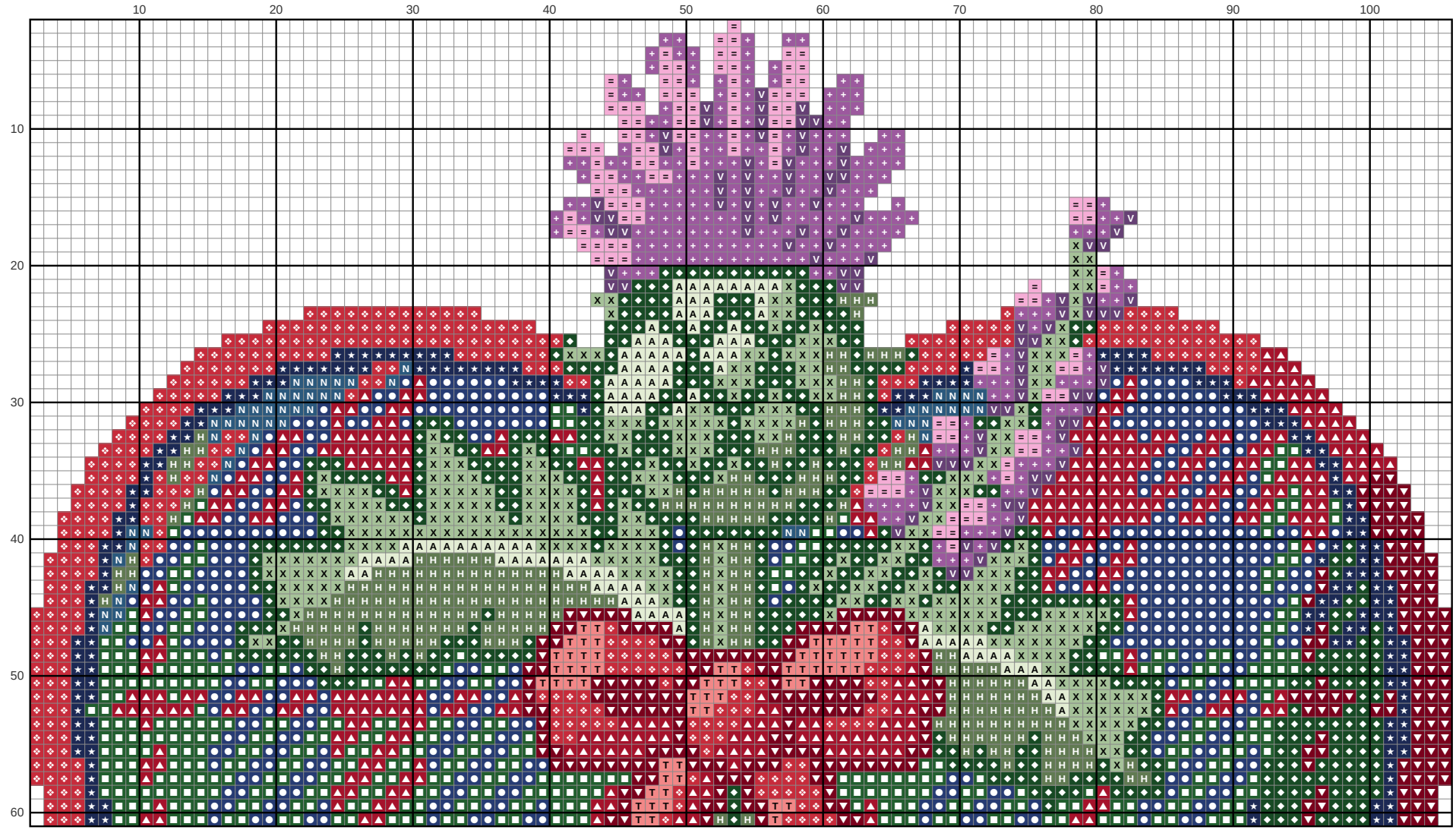

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Columns 4 to 105, rows 62 to 121. Start at the red outline. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

