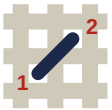
Vintage night train passport insert

Needlepoint pattern | 63 x 90 stitches | 3.5 x 5 in (8.9 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 32, row 45 (DMC 3820): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color.

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 7.5 in wide x 9 in high (19.1 x 22.9 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 12 colors, about 13 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Fit it into its window: a leather tag or cover with a window this size, or felt for the back. Measure the window before you stitch. If the piece is small for it, stitch two extra rows all round in DMC 939, the color at its edge.
How to put needlepoint into a leather tag.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	1,535	2
■	**746**	Off White	568	1
▲	**3841**	Pale Baby Blue	539	1
◆	**334**	Medium Baby Blue	526	1
▼	**336**	Navy Blue	513	1
★	**842**	Very Light Beige Brown	468	1
❖	**3820**	Dark Straw	429	1
X	**321**	Red	418	1
H	**840**	Medium Beige Brown	333	1
+	**312**	Very Dark Baby Blue	235	1
=	**677**	Very Light Old Gold	59	1
Z	**815**	Medium Garnet	47	1

Skeins are estimates: 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: 63 x 90 stitches. Start at the red outline

