Whimsical African gray parrot

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 959**	Medium Seagreen	3,420	24	3
■	**DMC 414**	Dark Steel Gray	524	4	1
❖	**DMC 3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	267	2	1
Z	**DMC 435**	Very Light Brown	241	2	1
▲	**DMC 415**	Pearl Gray	166	2	1
A	**DMC 666**	Bright Red	107	1	1
O	**DMC 433**	Medium Brown	92	1	1
◆	**DMC 310**	Black	83	1	1
▼	**DMC BLANC**	White	78	1	1
+	**DMC 702**	Kelly Green	69	1	1
=	**DMC 700**	Bright Green	64	1	1
X	**DMC 436**	Tan	43	1	1
V	**DMC 498**	Dark Red	22	1	1
★	**DMC 726**	Light Topaz	8	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 16 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 14 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 14 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and 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 (about 43 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

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

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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