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, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**959**	Medium Seagreen	3,420	24	3
■	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	524	4	1
❖	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	267	2	1
Z	**435**	Very Light Brown	241	2	1
▲	**415**	Pearl Gray	166	2	1
A	**666**	Bright Red	107	1	1
O	**433**	Medium Brown	92	1	1
◆	**310**	Black	83	1	1
▼	**BLANC**	White	78	1	1
+	**702**	Kelly Green	69	1	1
=	**700**	Bright Green	64	1	1
X	**436**	Tan	43	1	1
V	**498**	Dark Red	22	1	1
★	**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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Chart: 72 x 72 stitches

