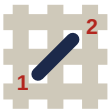
Whimsical banana leaf with a tree frog

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 352): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: 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
●	156	Medium Light Blue Violet	1,967	2
■	905	Dark Parrot Green	614	1
▲	704	Bright Chartreuse	486	1
◆	907	Light Parrot Green	408	1
▼	351	Coral	407	1
★	772	Very Light Yellow Green	314	1
❖	3747	Very Light Blue Violet	217	1
X	452	Medium Shell Gray	204	1
H	353	Peach	143	1
+	3807	Cornflower Blue	132	1
=	817	Very Dark Coral Red	92	1
Z	310	Black	71	1
A	352	Light Coral	46	1
V	350	Medium Coral	36	1
T	3041	Medium Antique Violet	27	1
N	BLANC	White	20	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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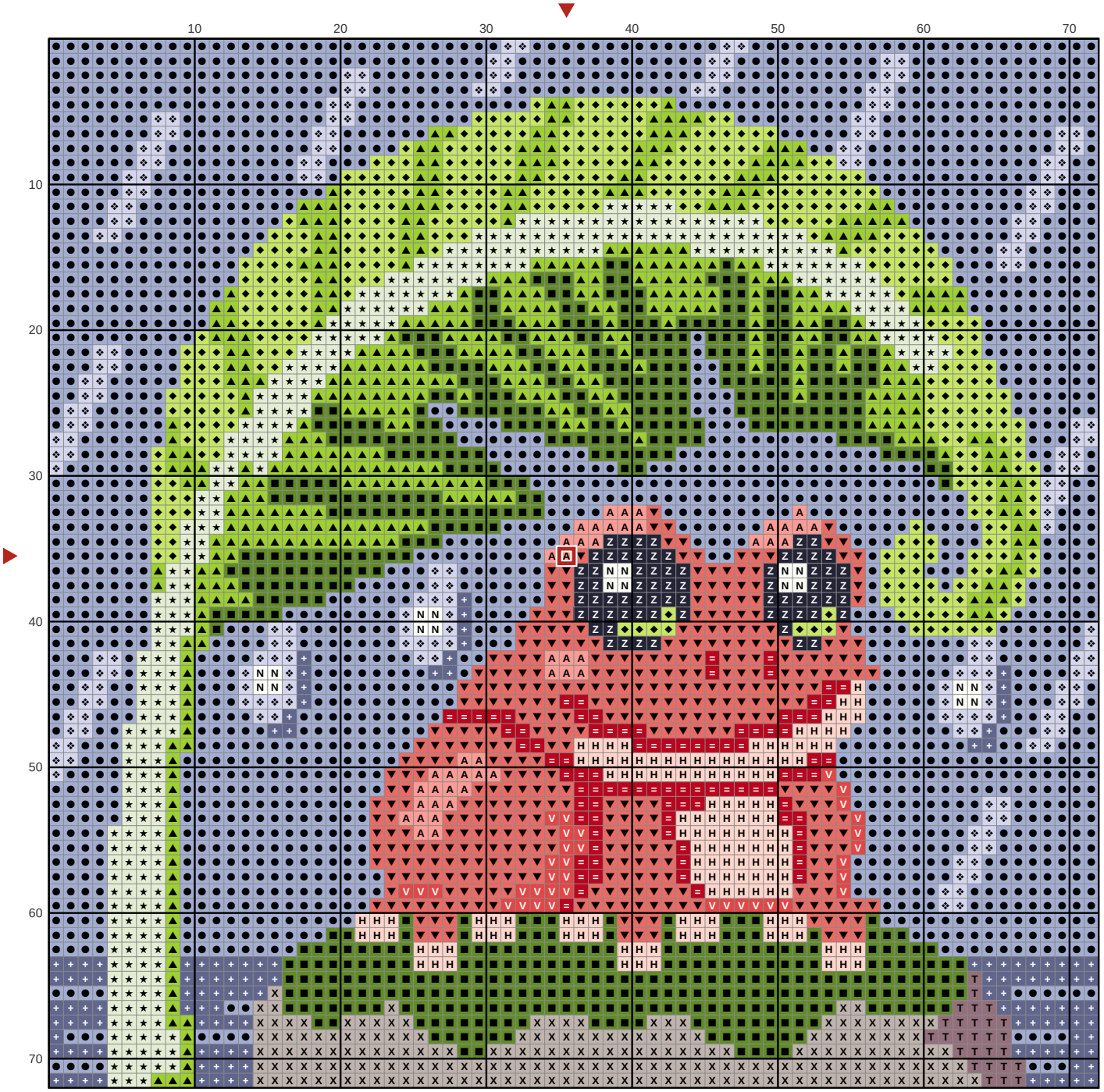
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- DMC 156 Medium Light Blue Violet
- DMC 905 Dark Parrot Green
- DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse
- DMC 907 Light Parrot Green
- DMC 351 Coral
- DMC 772 Very Light Yellow Green
- DMC 3747 Very Light Blue Violet
- DMC 452 Medium Shell Gray
- DMC 353 Peach
- DMC 3807 Cornflower Blue
- DMC 817 Very Dark Coral Red
- DMC 310 Black
- DMC 352 Light Coral
- DMC 350 Medium Coral
- DMC 3041 Medium Antique Violet
- DMC BLANC White