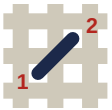
Whimsical beaver with a water lily hat

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 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 435): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color. Empty squares stay bare.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 3350: 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, 15 colors, about 16 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
●	**3350**	Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	998	2
■	**3839**	Medium Lavender Blue	776	1
▲	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	305	1
◆	**435**	Very Light Brown	299	1
▼	**433**	Medium Brown	290	1
★	**471**	Very Light Avocado Green	282	1
❖	**738**	Very Light Tan	229	1
X	**3345**	Dark Hunter Green	191	1
H	**818**	Baby Pink	164	1
+	**3807**	Cornflower Blue	129	1
=	**3371**	Black Brown	117	1
Z	**BLANC**	White	106	1
A	**3733**	Dusty Rose	102	1
V	**437**	Light Tan	45	1
T	**3820**	Dark Straw	27	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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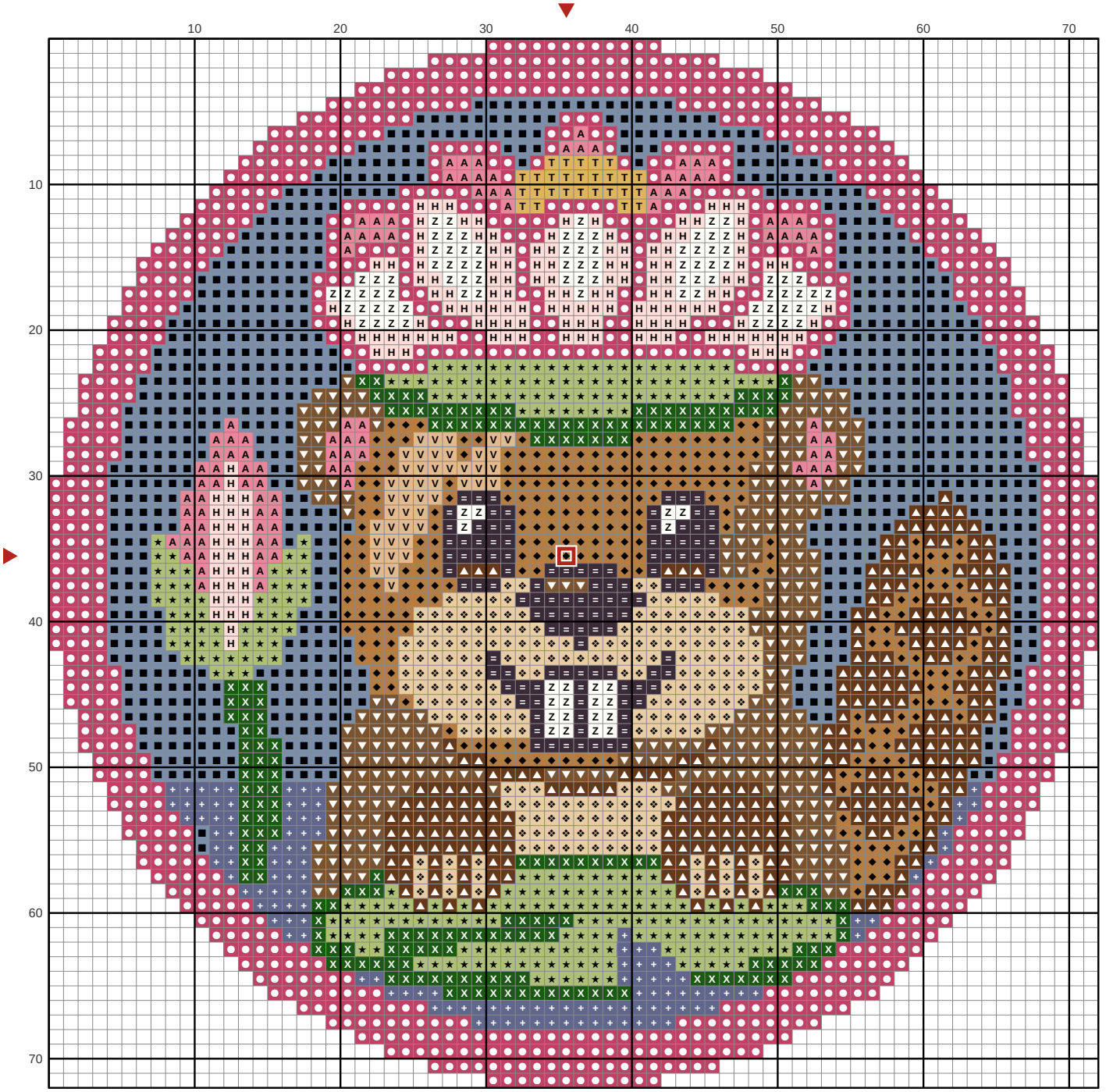

Key

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- **DMC 818** Baby Pink
- **DMC 3807** Cornflower Blue
- **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 3733** Dusty Rose
- **DMC 437** Light Tan
- **DMC 3820** Dark Straw