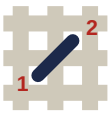
Whimsical Bernese mountain dog

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 310): 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, 13 colors, about 15 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
●	**955**	Light Nile Green	2,100	3
▲	**310**	Black	1,227	1
■	**BLANC**	White	796	1
▼	**920**	Medium Copper	300	1
◆	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	297	1
★	**433**	Medium Brown	128	1
=	**321**	Red	118	1
+	**415**	Pearl Gray	98	1
X	**351**	Coral	42	1
Z	**814**	Dark Garnet	42	1
❖	**435**	Very Light Brown	16	1
A	**783**	Medium Topaz	12	1
H	**352**	Light Coral	8	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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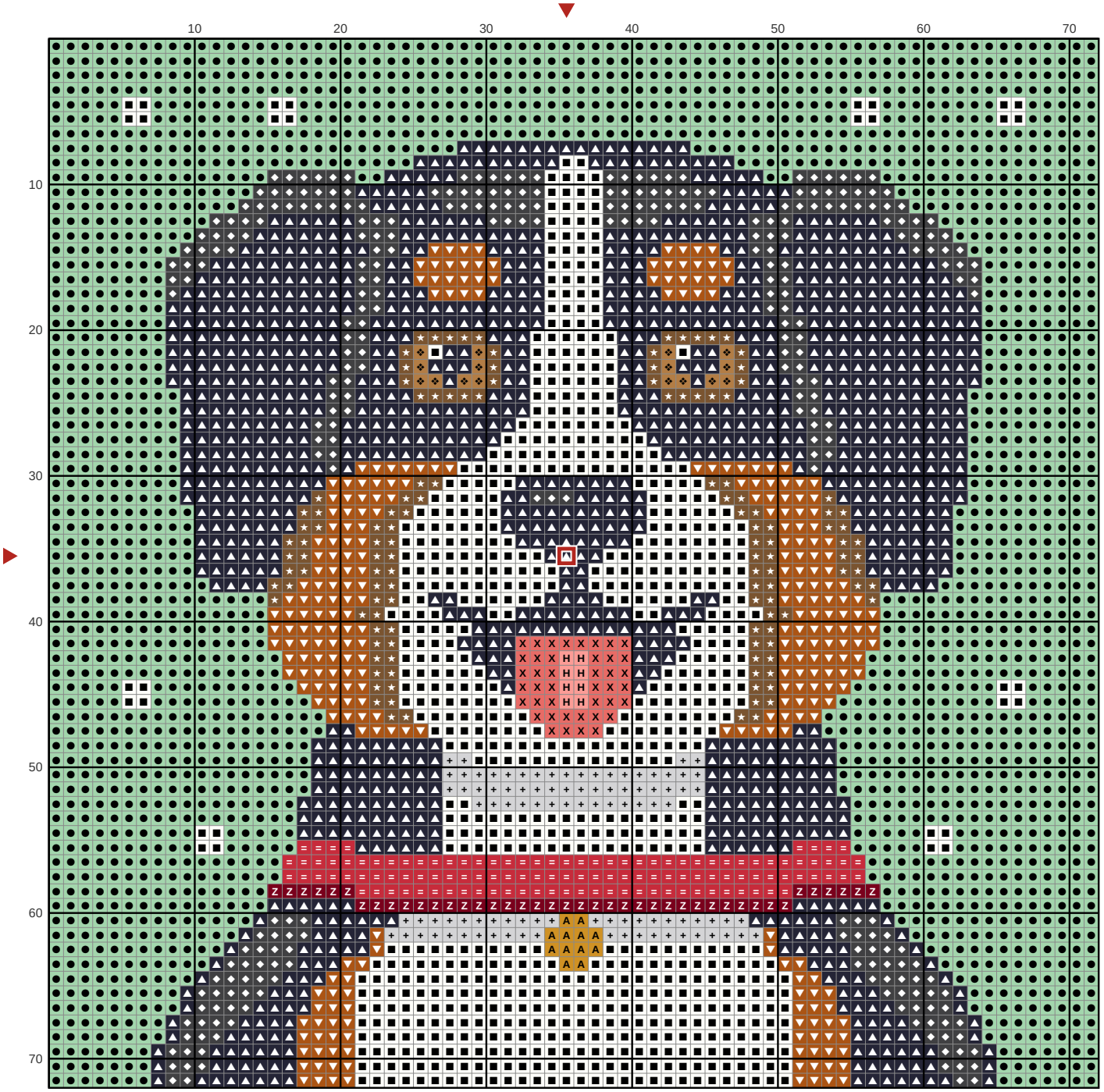
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 955** Light Nile Green
- ▲ **DMC 310** Black
- ■ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▼ **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- ◆ **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- ★ **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- = **DMC 321** Red
- \+ **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- X **DMC 351** Coral
- Z **DMC 814** Dark Garnet
- ❖ **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- A **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- H **DMC 352** Light Coral