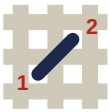
Whimsical December birth flower: holly

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 815): 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, 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
●	**793**	Medium Cornflower Blue	1,331	2
■	**3840**	Light Lavender Blue	892	1
▲	**BLANC**	White	739	1
◆	**436**	Tan	307	1
▼	**702**	Kelly Green	268	1
★	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	242	1
❖	**666**	Bright Red	227	1
X	**3345**	Dark Hunter Green	225	1
H	**3371**	Black Brown	191	1
+	**907**	Light Parrot Green	191	1
=	**433**	Medium Brown	188	1
Z	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	188	1
A	**815**	Medium Garnet	140	1
V	**3706**	Medium Melon	46	1
T	**743**	Medium Yellow	9	1

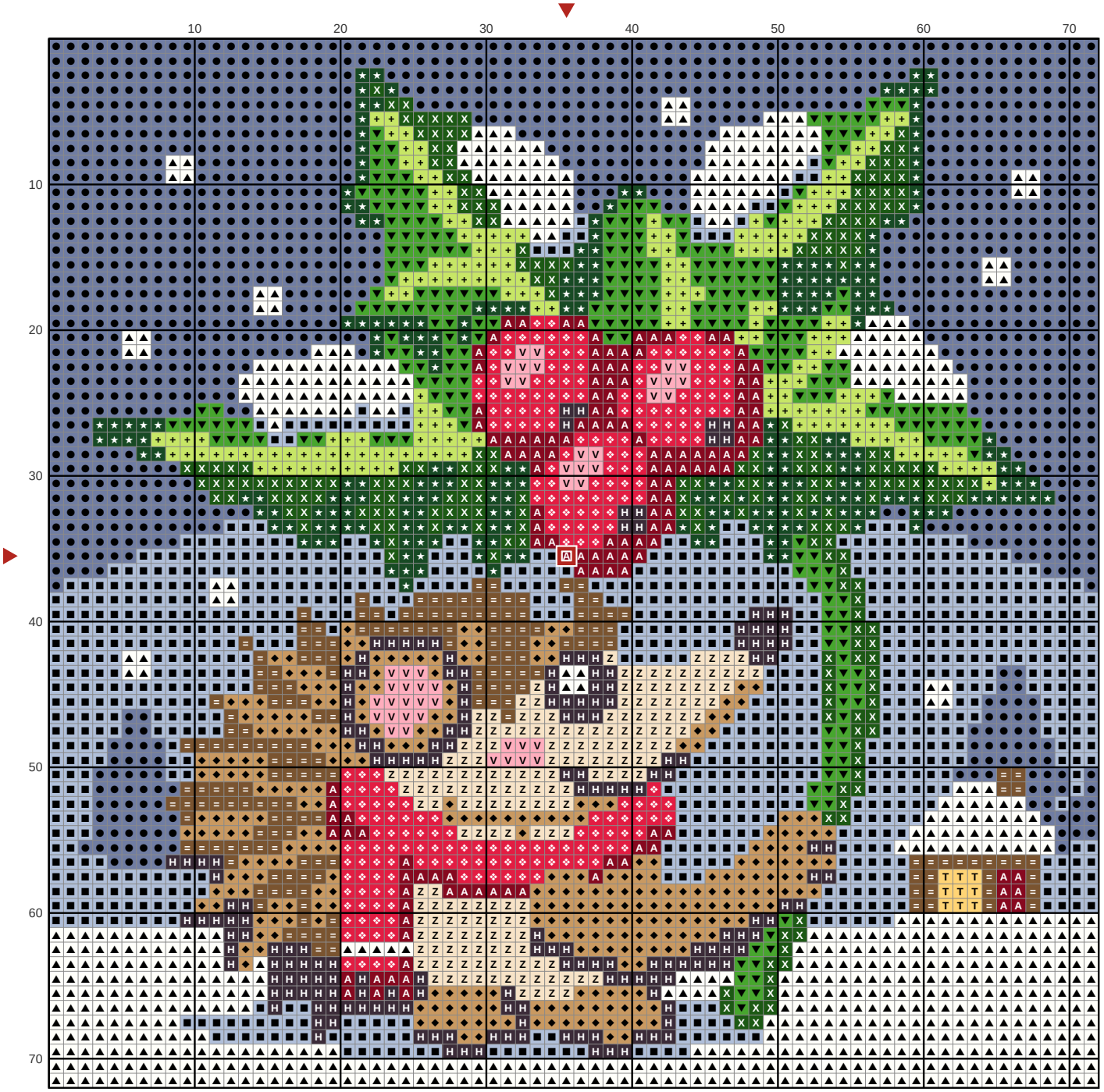
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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

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- ◆ **DMC 436** Tan
- ▼ **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- ★ **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- ❖ **DMC 666** Bright Red
- X **DMC 3345** Dark Hunter Green
- H **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- \+ **DMC 907** Light Parrot Green
- = **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- Z **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- A **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- V **DMC 3706** Medium Melon
- T **DMC 743** Medium Yellow