Whimsical black pug

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 3854**	Medium Autumn Gold	2,339	17	2
▲	**DMC 310**	Black	1,064	8	1
=	**DMC 702**	Kelly Green	629	5	1
▼	**DMC 3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	400	3	1
◆	**DMC 414**	Dark Steel Gray	221	2	1
O	**DMC 321**	Red	140	1	1
Z	**DMC 700**	Bright Green	135	1	1
+	**DMC 704**	Bright Chartreuse	122	1	1
■	**DMC BLANC**	White	68	1	1
★	**DMC 433**	Medium Brown	40	1	1
❖	**DMC 435**	Very Light Brown	16	1	1
X	**DMC 603**	Cranberry	10	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 13 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 12 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 12 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 42 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

