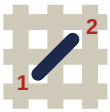
Whimsical bookworm

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 712): 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 18 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
●	**712**	Cream	1,220	2
■	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	1,020	2
▲	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	745	1
◆	**921**	Copper	366	1
▼	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	354	1
★	**3820**	Dark Straw	294	1
❖	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	272	1
X	**760**	Salmon	213	1
H	**3328**	Dark Salmon	153	1
+	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	149	1
=	**3822**	Light Straw	100	1
Z	**433**	Medium Brown	89	1
A	**471**	Very Light Avocado Green	74	1
V	**919**	Red Copper	55	1
T	**3852**	Very Dark Straw	46	1
N	**469**	Avocado Green	34	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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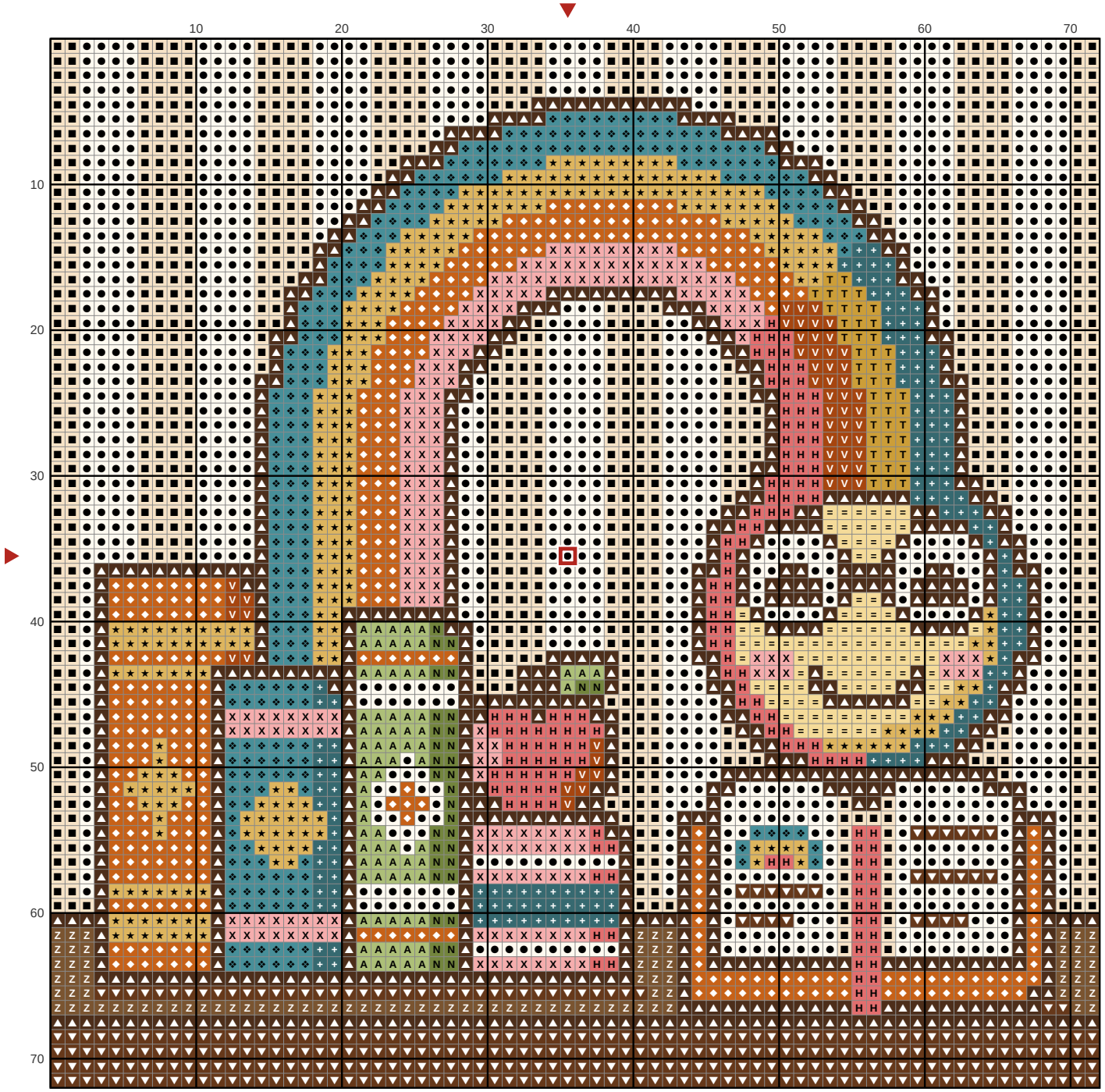
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 712** Cream
- ■ **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- ▲ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- ◆ **DMC 921** Copper
- ▼ **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- ★ **DMC 3820** Dark Straw
- ❖ **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- X **DMC 760** Salmon
- H **DMC 3328** Dark Salmon
- \+ **DMC 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- = **DMC 3822** Light Straw
- Z **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- A **DMC 471** Very Light Avocado Green
- V **DMC 919** Red Copper
- T **DMC 3852** Very Dark Straw
- N **DMC 469** Avocado Green