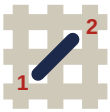
Whimsical slice of birthday cake

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 BLANC): 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 17 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
●	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,480	2
■	**BLANC**	White	710	1
▲	**341**	Light Blue Violet	562	1
◆	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	495	1
▼	**3820**	Dark Straw	305	1
★	**783**	Medium Topaz	268	1
❖	**3854**	Medium Autumn Gold	255	1
X	**32**	Dark Blueberry	248	1
H	**31**	Blueberry	190	1
+	**3716**	Very Light Rose	183	1
=	**321**	Red	156	1
Z	**818**	Baby Pink	144	1
A	**3733**	Dusty Rose	126	1
V	**3346**	Hunter Green	34	1
T	**3747**	Very Light Blue Violet	16	1
N	**3801**	Very Dark Melon	12	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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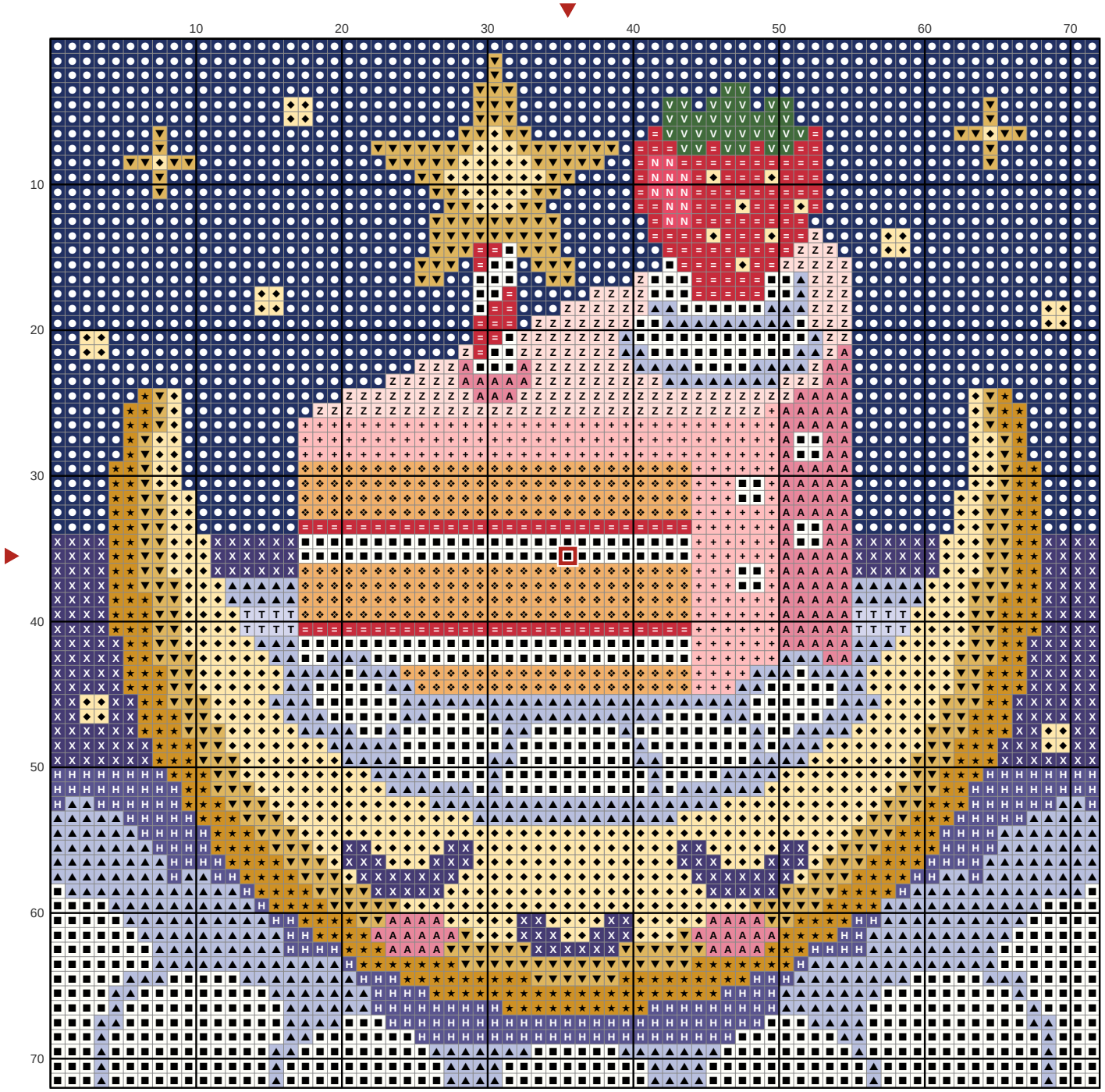
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- ■ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▲ **DMC 341** Light Blue Violet
- ◆ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- ▼ **DMC 3820** Dark Straw
- ★ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ❖ **DMC 3854** Medium Autumn Gold
- X **DMC 32** Dark Blueberry
- H **DMC 31** Blueberry
- \+ **DMC 3716** Very Light Rose
- = **DMC 321** Red
- Z **DMC 818** Baby Pink
- A **DMC 3733** Dusty Rose
- V **DMC 3346** Hunter Green
- T **DMC 3747** Very Light Blue Violet
- N **DMC 3801** Very Dark Melon