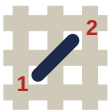
Whimsical camellia with a dormouse

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 335): 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 in DMC 3817: 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
●	**3817**	Light Celadon Green	1,626	2
■	**893**	Light Carnation	672	1
▲	**3708**	Light Melon	476	1
◆	**3827**	Pale Golden Brown	346	1
▼	**777**	Very Dark Raspberry	320	1
★	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	296	1
❖	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	252	1
X	**436**	Tan	218	1
H	**335**	Rose	215	1
+	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	171	1
=	**3831**	Dark Raspberry	167	1
Z	**319**	Very Dark Pistachio Green	161	1
A	**988**	Medium Forest Green	105	1
V	**725**	Medium Light Topaz	62	1
T	**310**	Black	56	1
N	**435**	Very Light Brown	41	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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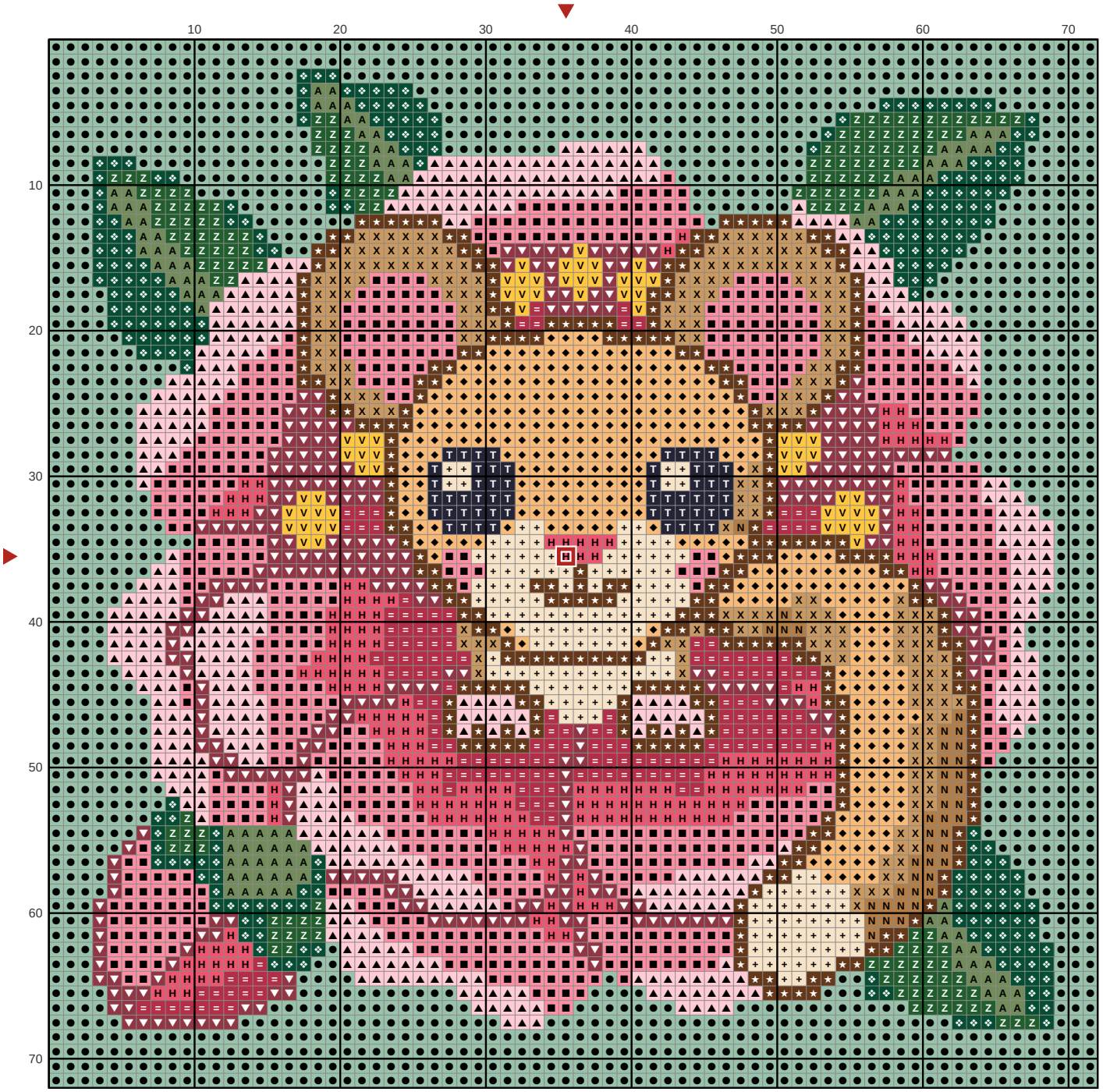
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3817** Light Celadon Green
- ■ **DMC 893** Light Carnation
- ▲ **DMC 3708** Light Melon
- ◆ **DMC 3827** Pale Golden Brown
- ▼ **DMC 777** Very Dark Raspberry
- ★ **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- ❖ **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- X **DMC 436** Tan
- H **DMC 335** Rose
- \+ **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- = **DMC 3831** Dark Raspberry
- Z **DMC 319** Very Dark Pistachio Green
- A **DMC 988** Medium Forest Green
- V **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- T **DMC 310** Black
- N **DMC 435** Very Light Brown