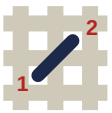
Whimsical canary

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 726): 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 3812: 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, 13 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
●	**3812**	Very Dark Seagreen	3,470	4
▲	**726**	Light Topaz	838	1
X	**783**	Medium Topaz	383	1
A	**433**	Medium Brown	154	1
+	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	81	1
■	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	67	1
❖	**352**	Light Coral	54	1
=	**702**	Kelly Green	54	1
Z	**435**	Very Light Brown	42	1
★	**353**	Peach	18	1
◆	**310**	Black	11	1
H	**603**	Cranberry	11	1
▼	**BLANC**	White	1	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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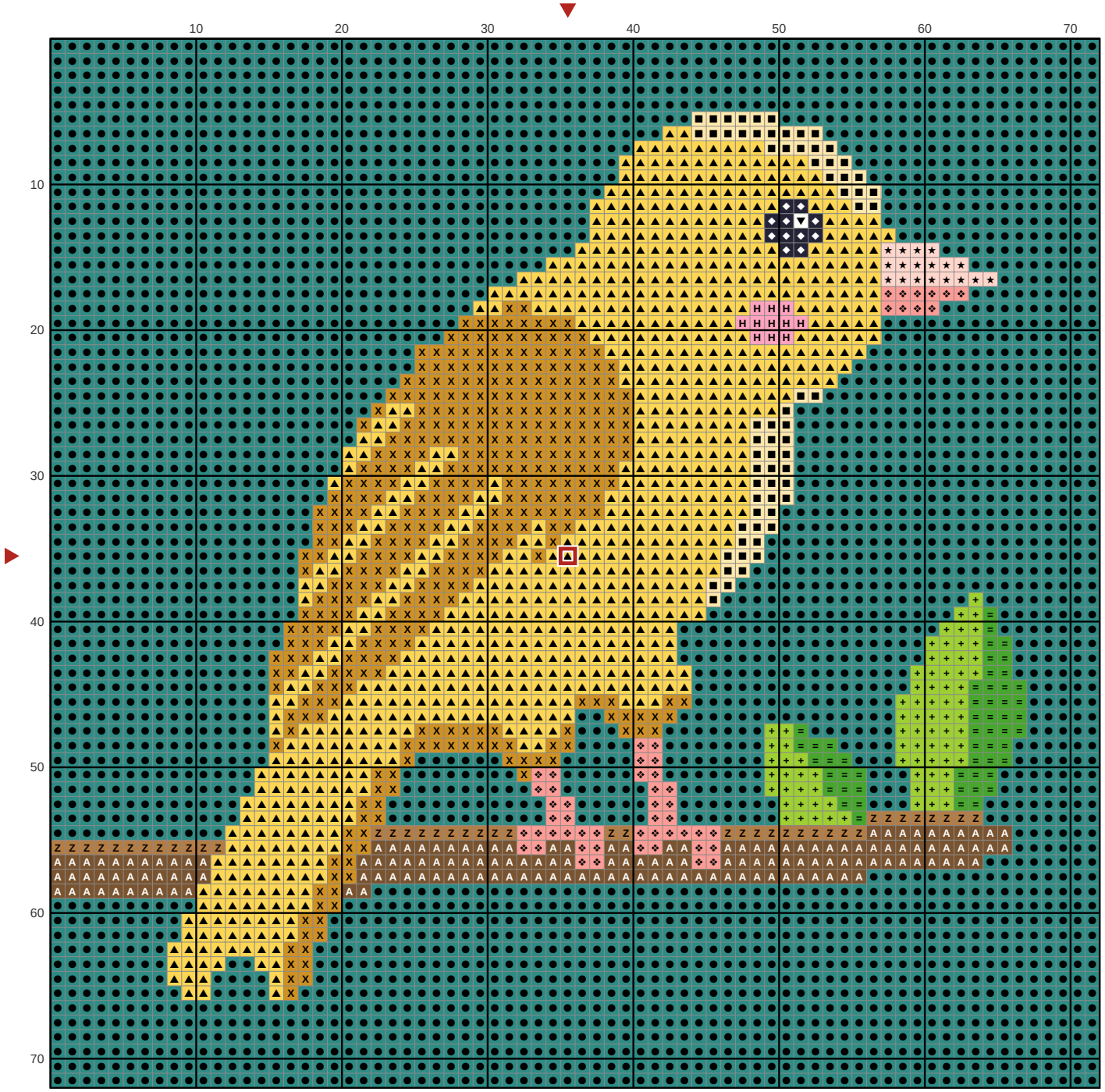
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3812** Very Dark Seagreen
- ▲ **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- X **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- A **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- \+ **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- ■ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- ❖ **DMC 352** Light Coral
- = **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- Z **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- ★ **DMC 353** Peach
- ◆ **DMC 310** Black
- H **DMC 603** Cranberry
- ▼ **DMC BLANC** White