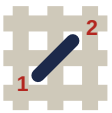
Whimsical cake with counted candles

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 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 603): 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, 14 colors, about 15 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				stitches	skeins
●	**3837**	Ultra Dark Lavender	1,698	2	H	**436**	Tan	174	1
❖	**603**	Cranberry	866	1	■	**726**	Light Topaz	168	1
Z	**738**	Very Light Tan	480	1	A	**783**	Medium Topaz	156	1
=	**3812**	Very Dark Seagreen	445	1	V	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	144	1
+	**959**	Medium Seagreen	429	1	X	**316**	Medium Antique Mauve	96	1
▼	**BLANC**	White	283	1	▲	**970**	Light Pumpkin	40	1
★	**597**	Turquoise	195	1	◆	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	10	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.

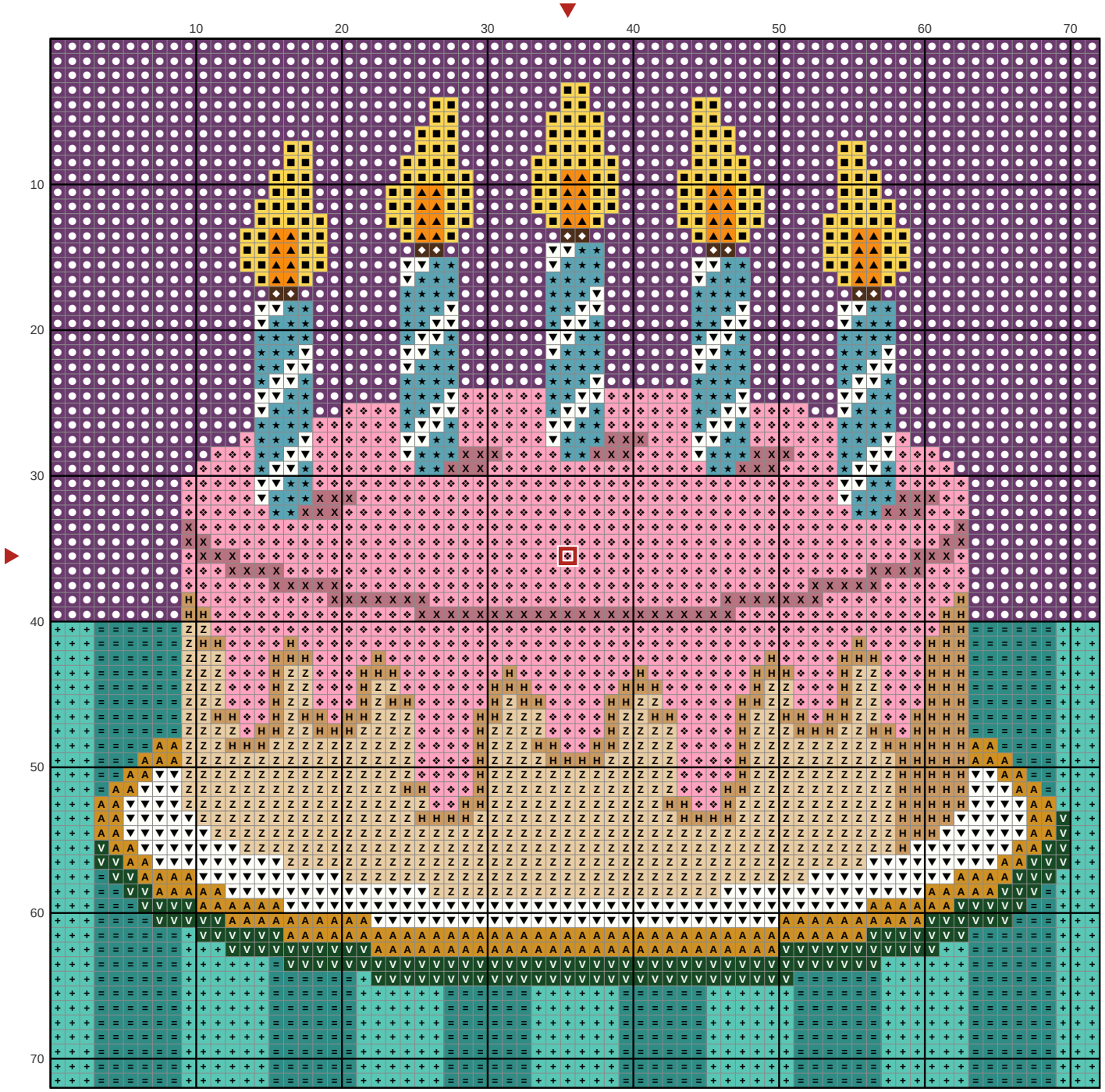
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3837** Ultra Dark Lavender
- ❖ **DMC 603** Cranberry
- Z **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- = **DMC 3812** Very Dark Seagreen
- \+ **DMC 959** Medium Seagreen
- ▼ **DMC BLANC** White
- ★ **DMC 597** Turquoise
- H **DMC 436** Tan
- ■ **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- A **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- V **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- X **DMC 316** Medium Antique Mauve
- ▲ **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- ◆ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown