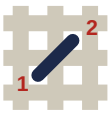
Whimsical cardinal on a sled

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 498): 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, 12 colors, about 14 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
●	**799**	Medium Delft Blue	2,886	3	=	**920**	Medium Copper	90	1
■	**BLANC**	White	826	1	▼	**740**	Tangerine	56	1
▲	**666**	Bright Red	601	1	❖	**702**	Kelly Green	46	1
Z	**800**	Pale Delft Blue	292	1	+	**783**	Medium Topaz	39	1
H	**728**	Topaz	157	1	◆	**310**	Black	38	1
X	**498**	Dark Red	142	1	★	**351**	Coral	11	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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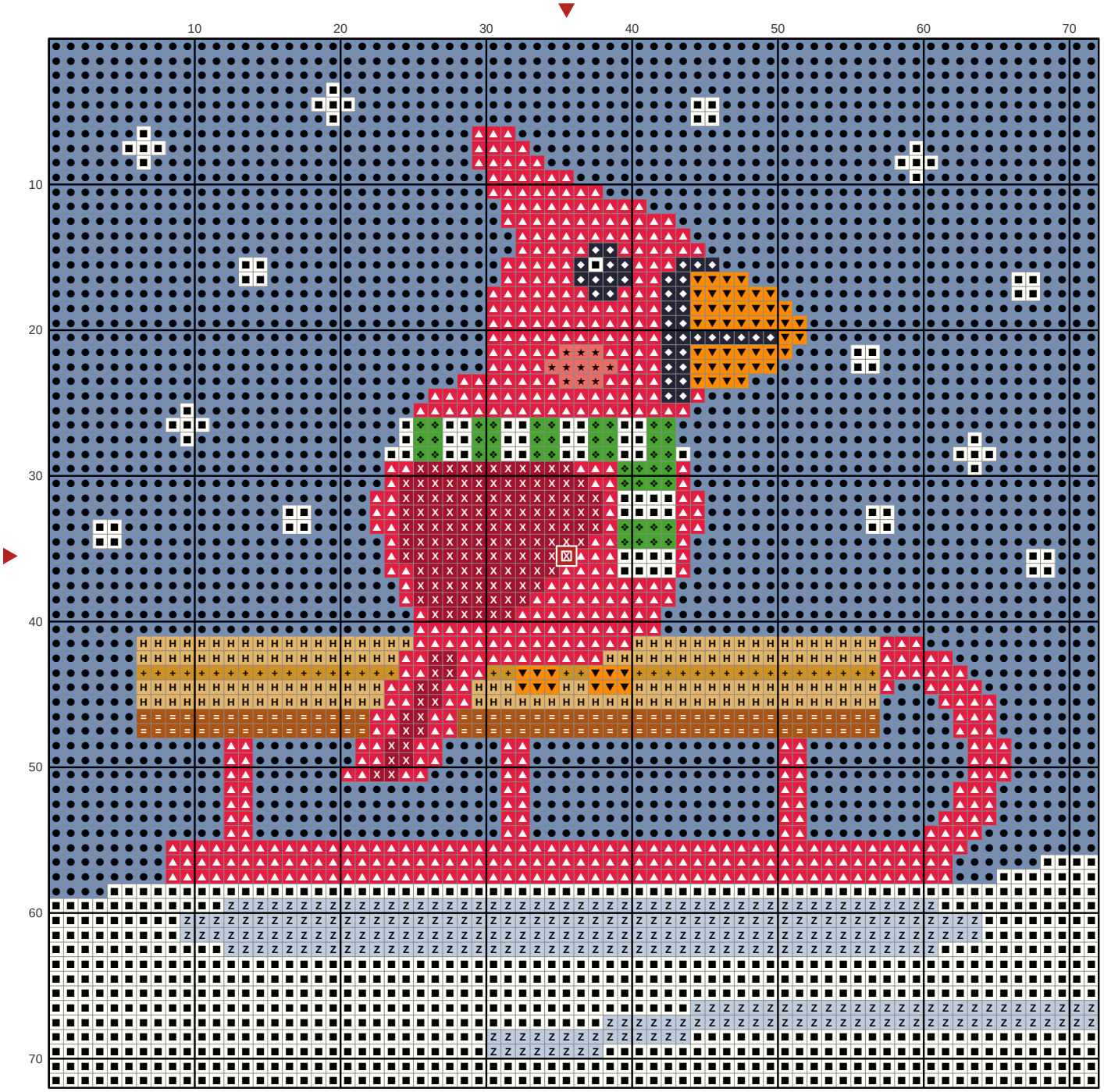
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 799** Medium Delft Blue
- ■ **DMC BLANC** White
- ▲ **DMC 666** Bright Red
- Z **DMC 800** Pale Delft Blue
- H **DMC 728** Topaz
- X **DMC 498** Dark Red
- = **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- ▼ **DMC 740** Tangerine
- ❖ **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- + **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ◆ **DMC 310** Black
- ★ **DMC 351** Coral