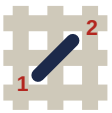
Whimsical carolers

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 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 in DMC BLANC: 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	2,406	2	◆	**321**	Red	144	1
●	**BLANC**	White	1,520	2	▼	**920**	Medium Copper	56	1
+	**700**	Bright Green	387	1	H	**352**	Light Coral	32	1
★	**353**	Peach	222	1	=	**415**	Pearl Gray	24	1
▲	**310**	Black	184	1	Z	**726**	Light Topaz	22	1
❖	**797**	Royal Blue	169	1	X	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	18	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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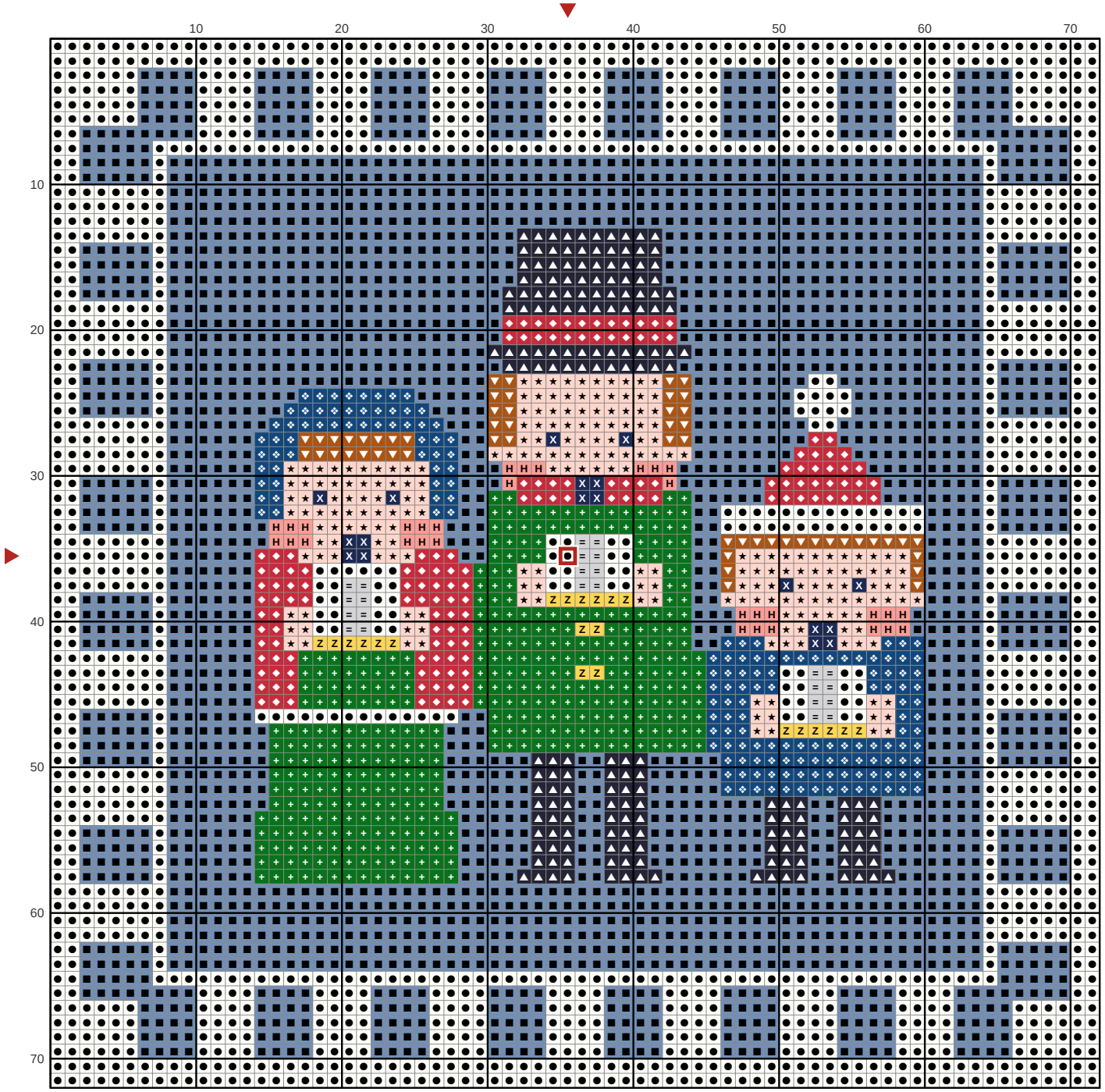
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- DMC 799 Medium Delft Blue
- DMC BLANC White
- DMC 700 Bright Green
- DMC 353 Peach
- DMC 310 Black
- DMC 797 Royal Blue
- DMC 321 Red
- DMC 920 Medium Copper
- H DMC 352 Light Coral
- = DMC 415 Pearl Gray
- Z DMC 726 Light Topaz
- X DMC 939 Very Dark Navy Blue