Whimsical castle with a bird and flowers

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 809**	Delft Blue	1,723	12	2
=	**DMC 702**	Kelly Green	1,072	8	1
O	**DMC 704**	Bright Chartreuse	500	4	1
◆	**DMC 433**	Medium Brown	369	3	1
▼	**DMC 415**	Pearl Gray	323	3	1
Z	**DMC 3326**	Light Rose	303	3	1
▲	**DMC 900**	Dark Burnt Orange	224	2	1
■	**DMC BLANC**	White	196	2	1
X	**DMC 898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	156	2	1
A	**DMC 335**	Rose	101	1	1
★	**DMC 414**	Dark Steel Gray	72	1	1
❖	**DMC 310**	Black	47	1	1
T	**DMC 700**	Bright Green	40	1	1
+	**DMC 970**	Light Pumpkin	34	1	1
V	**DMC 726**	Light Topaz	24	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 16 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 15 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 15 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 45 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

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

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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