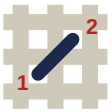
Whimsical castle and sleeping dragon

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 210): 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, 16 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
●	31	Blueberry	668	1
■	500	Very Dark Blue Green	627	1
▲	32	Dark Blueberry	577	1
◆	471	Very Light Avocado Green	544	1
▼	30	Medium Light Blueberry	525	1
★	727	Very Light Topaz	452	1
❖	3849	Light Teal Green	367	1
X	823	Dark Navy Blue	349	1
H	469	Avocado Green	251	1
+	211	Light Lavender	178	1
=	210	Medium Lavender	162	1
Z	34	Dark Fuchsia	135	1
A	154	Very Dark Grape	126	1
V	208	Very Dark Lavender	113	1
T	743	Medium Yellow	90	1
N	3346	Hunter Green	20	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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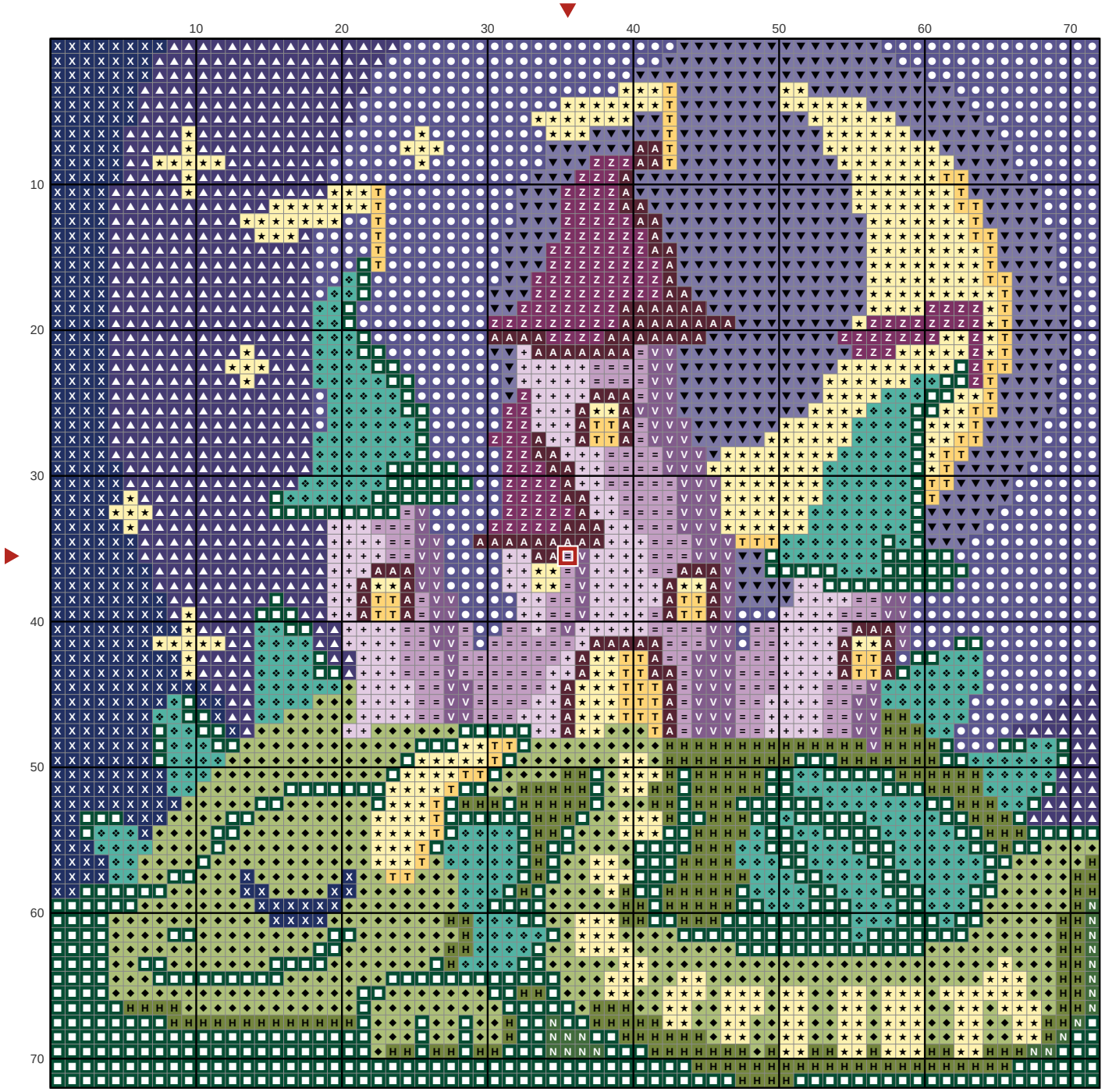
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 31** Blueberry
- **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- **DMC 32** Dark Blueberry
- **DMC 471** Very Light Avocado Green
- **DMC 30** Medium Light Blueberry
- **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz
- **DMC 3849** Light Teal Green
- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 469** Avocado Green
- **DMC 211** Light Lavender
- **DMC 210** Medium Lavender
- **DMC 34** Dark Fuchsia
- **DMC 154** Very Dark Grape
- **DMC 208** Very Dark Lavender
- **DMC 743** Medium Yellow
- **DMC 3346** Hunter Green