# Whimsical cat drummer

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 colors



## Thread key

| | | | stitches | yards | skeins |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ● | **DMC 809** | Delft Blue | 3,065 | 21 | 3 |
| ■ | **DMC 970** | Light Pumpkin | 943 | 7 | 1 |
| + | **DMC BLANC** | White | 477 | 4 | 1 |
| ▼ | **DMC 726** | Light Topaz | 143 | 1 | 1 |
| ▲ | **DMC 797** | Royal Blue | 104 | 1 | 1 |
| X | **DMC 900** | Dark Burnt Orange | 97 | 1 | 1 |
| = | **DMC 321** | Red | 96 | 1 | 1 |
| Z | **DMC 702** | Kelly Green | 70 | 1 | 1 |
| ★ | **DMC 433** | Medium Brown | 62 | 1 | 1 |
| ◆ | **DMC 603** | Cranberry | 40 | 1 | 1 |
| A | **DMC 700** | Bright Green | 37 | 1 | 1 |
| ❖ | **DMC 310** | Black | 26 | 1 | 1 |
| O | **DMC 704** | Bright Chartreuse | 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 15 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 13 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 13 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 42 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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Chart: 72 x 72 stitches

