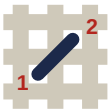
Whimsical chickadee

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 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, 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 17 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
●	**155**	Medium Dark Blue Violet	1,825	2
■	**BLANC**	White	840	1
▲	**743**	Medium Yellow	408	1
◆	**727**	Very Light Topaz	386	1
▽	**3746**	Dark Blue Violet	348	1
★	**310**	Black	259	1
❖	**341**	Light Blue Violet	208	1
X	**783**	Medium Topaz	193	1
H	**413**	Dark Pewter Gray	151	1
+	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	146	1
=	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	133	1
Z	**3856**	Ultra Very Light Mahogany	116	1
A	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	99	1
V	**318**	Light Steel Gray	53	1
T	**3712**	Medium Salmon	11	1
N	**921**	Copper	8	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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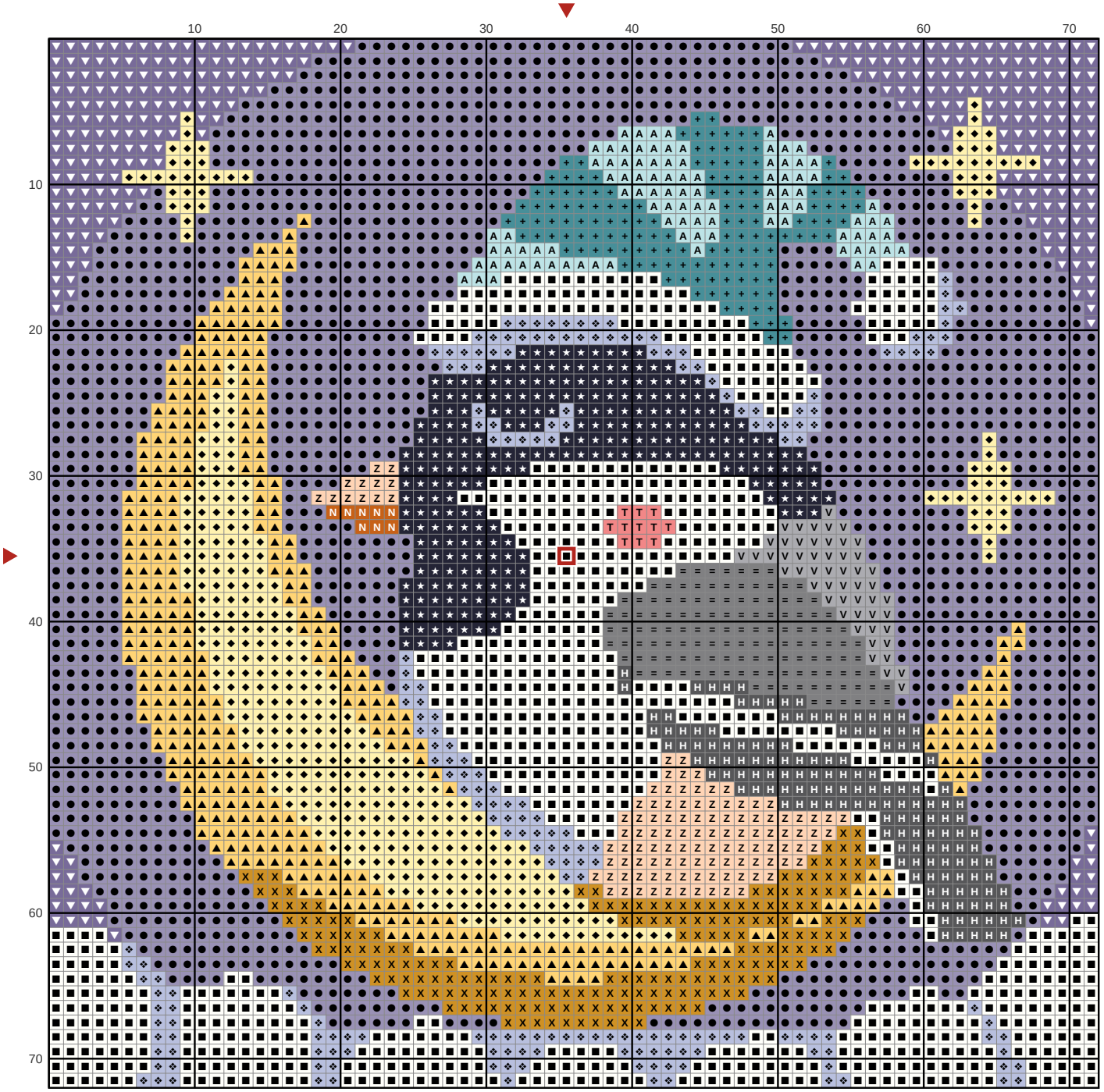
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- ◆ **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz
- ▼ **DMC 3746** Dark Blue Violet
- ★ **DMC 310** Black
- ❖ **DMC 341** Light Blue Violet
- X **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- H **DMC 413** Dark Pewter Gray
- \+ **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- = **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
- Z **DMC 3856** Ultra Very Light Mahogany
- A **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- V **DMC 318** Light Steel Gray
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