Whimsical Christmas train

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 799**	Medium Delft Blue	2,418	17	2
■	**DMC BLANC**	White	816	6	1
❖	**DMC 310**	Black	346	3	1
=	**DMC 321**	Red	282	2	1
+	**DMC 783**	Medium Topaz	240	2	1
X	**DMC 702**	Kelly Green	233	2	1
▼	**DMC 700**	Bright Green	219	2	1
◆	**DMC 800**	Pale Delft Blue	155	2	1
▲	**DMC 726**	Light Topaz	146	1	1
Z	**DMC 414**	Dark Steel Gray	144	1	1
A	**DMC 433**	Medium Brown	72	1	1
★	**DMC 666**	Bright Red	71	1	1
O	**DMC 3844**	Dark Bright Turquoise	42	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 14 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 41 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

