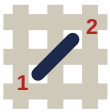
Whimsical coral with a seahorse

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 915): 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
●	**598**	Light Turquoise	913	1
□	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	683	1
▲	**747**	Very Light Sky Blue	436	1
◆	**744**	Pale Yellow	399	1
▽	**602**	Medium Cranberry	372	1
★	**915**	Dark Plum	369	1
❖	**597**	Turquoise	368	1
X	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	307	1
H	**783**	Medium Topaz	282	1
+	**3806**	Light Cyclamen Pink	258	1
=	**963**	Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	197	1
Z	**738**	Very Light Tan	169	1
A	**333**	Very Dark Blue Violet	153	1
V	**741**	Medium Tangerine	95	1
T	**340**	Medium Blue Violet	92	1
N	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	91	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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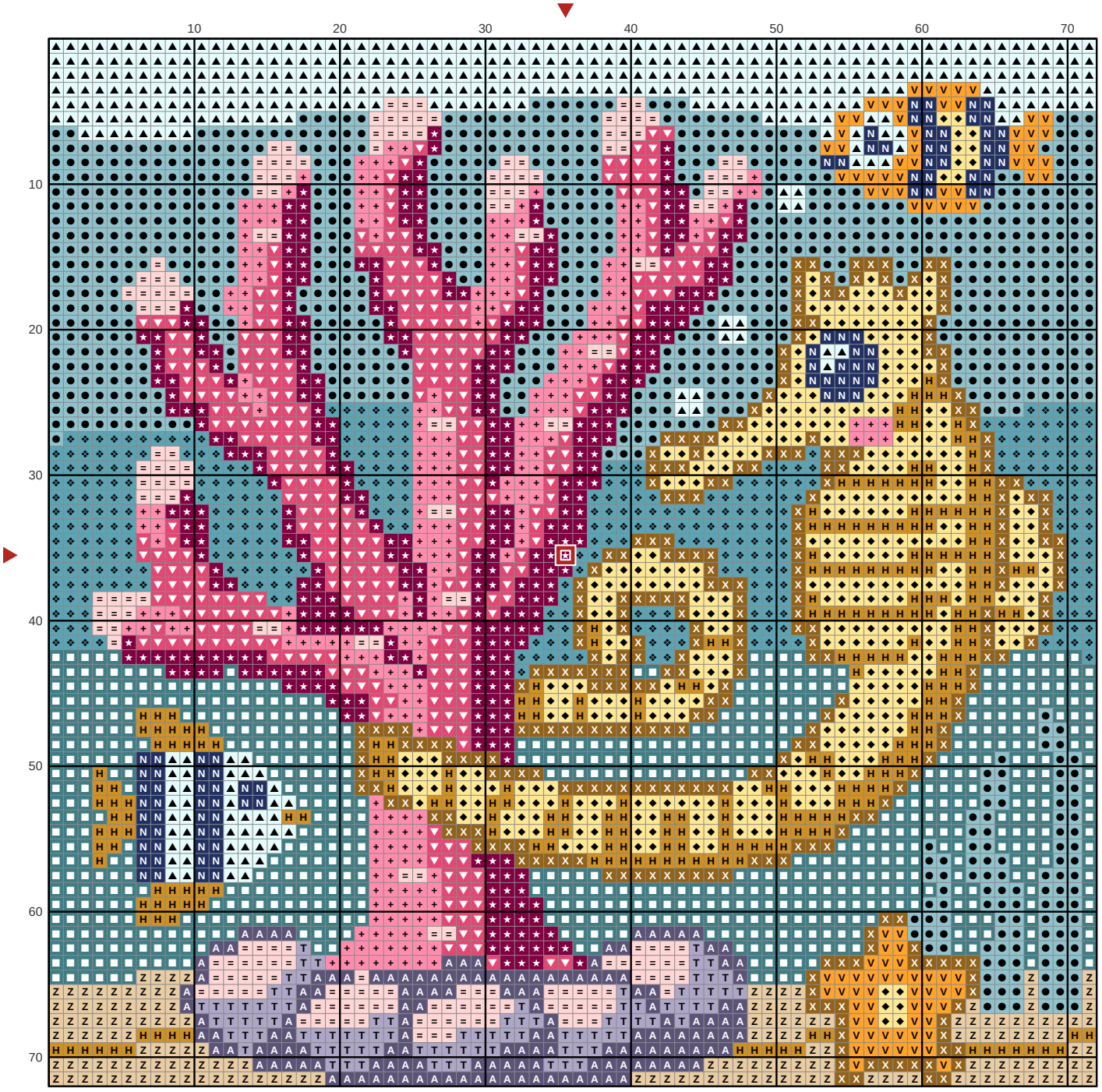
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- ■ **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- ▲ **DMC 747** Very Light Sky Blue
- ◆ **DMC 744** Pale Yellow
- ▼ **DMC 602** Medium Cranberry
- ★ **DMC 915** Dark Plum
- ❖ **DMC 597** Turquoise
- X **DMC 780** Ultra Very Dark Topaz
- H **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- \+ **DMC 3806** Light Cyclamen Pink
- = **DMC 963** Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
- Z **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
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