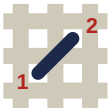
Whimsical cornucopia

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 920): 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 in DMC 920: 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, 12 colors, about 14 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
■	**BLANC**	White	2,451	2
●	**920**	Medium Copper	1,532	2
▲	**783**	Medium Topaz	488	1
◆	**782**	Dark Topaz	312	1
★	**970**	Light Pumpkin	95	1
❖	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	68	1
Z	**3837**	Ultra Dark Lavender	53	1
+	**900**	Dark Burnt Orange	50	1
H	**321**	Red	37	1
=	**208**	Very Dark Lavender	37	1
▼	**726**	Light Topaz	36	1
X	**987**	Dark Forest Green	25	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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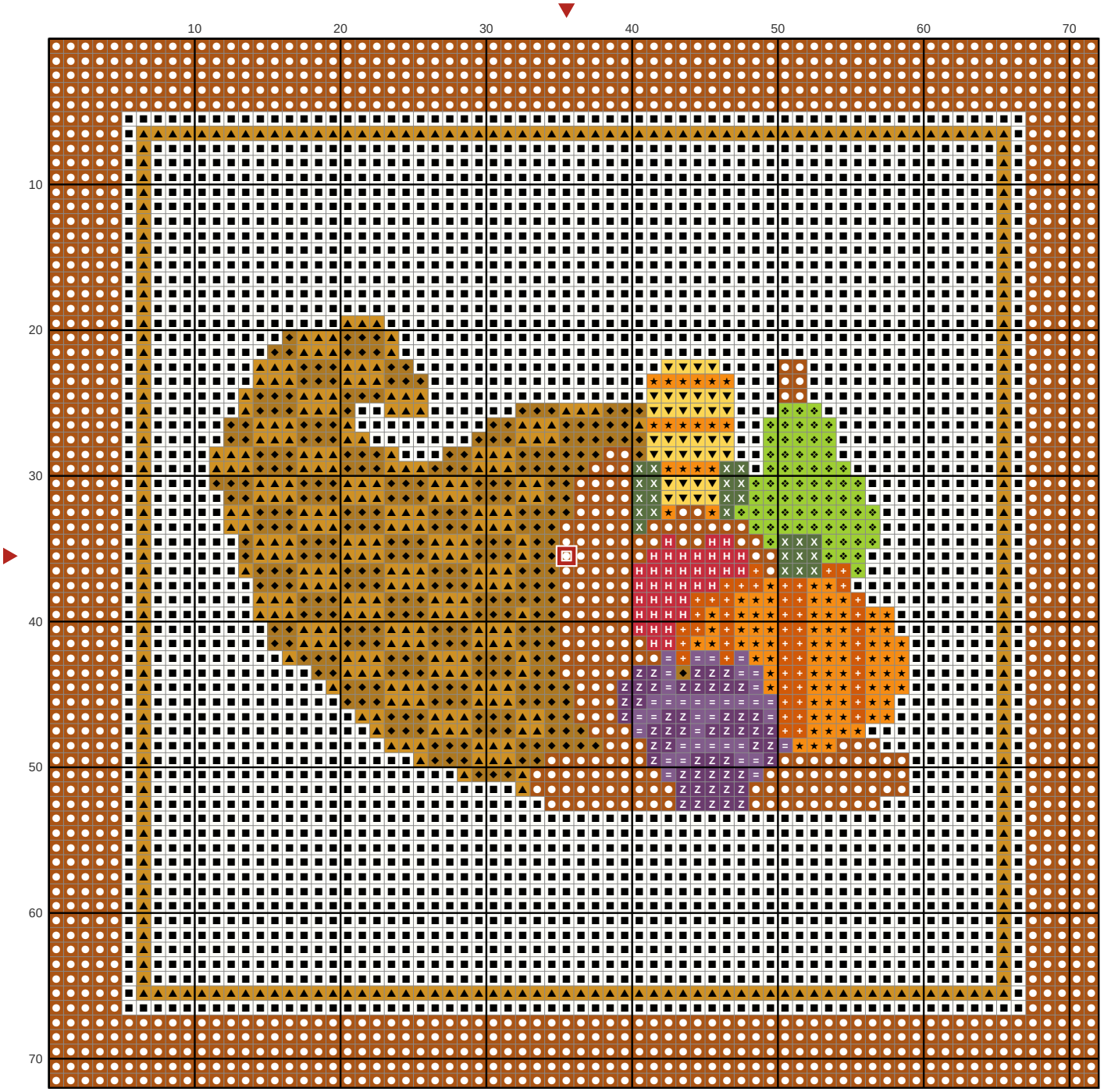
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ■ **DMC BLANC** White
- ● **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- ▲ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ◆ **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- ★ **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- ❖ **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- Z **DMC 3837** Ultra Dark Lavender
- \+ **DMC 900** Dark Burnt Orange
- H **DMC 321** Red
- = **DMC 208** Very Dark Lavender
- ▼ **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- X **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green