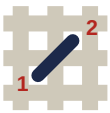
Whimsical cypress trees, swirling sky

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 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 3847): 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, 14 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
●	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	752	1
■	**211**	Light Lavender	707	1
▲	**352**	Light Coral	577	1
◆	**890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	492	1
▼	**598**	Light Turquoise	439	1
★	**910**	Dark Emerald Green	372	1
❖	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	351	1
X	**3824**	Light Apricot	335	1
H	**3746**	Dark Blue Violet	314	1
+	**154**	Very Dark Grape	272	1
=	**209**	Dark Lavender	191	1
Z	**471**	Very Light Avocado Green	157	1
A	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	152	1
V	**B5200**	Snow White	73	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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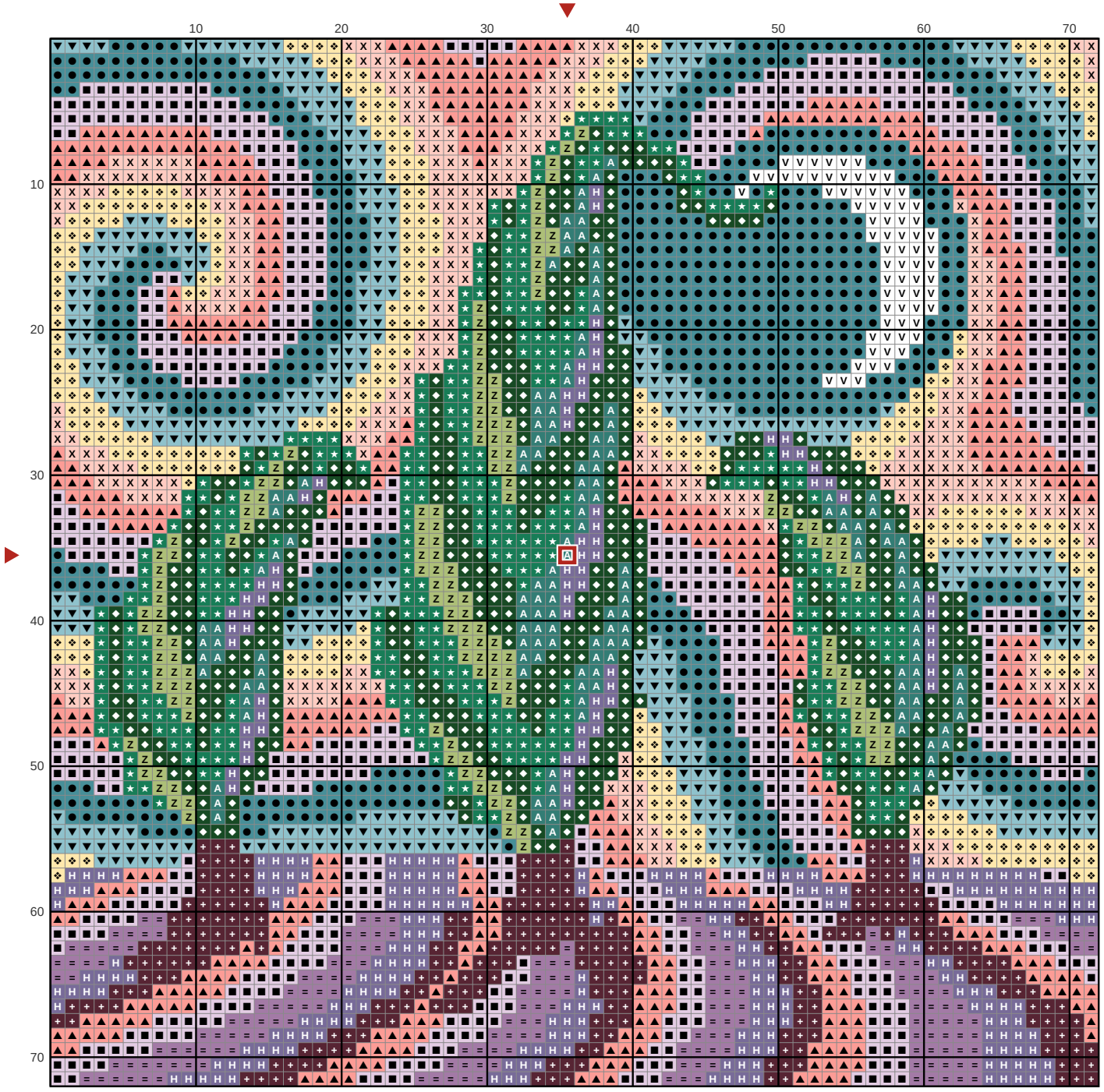
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- ■ **DMC 211** Light Lavender
- ▲ **DMC 352** Light Coral
- ◆ **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green
- ▼ **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- ★ **DMC 910** Dark Emerald Green
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