Whimsical dovecote

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**809**	Delft Blue	2,882	20	3
■	**BLANC**	White	423	3	1
=	**702**	Kelly Green	397	3	1
★	**797**	Royal Blue	301	3	1
▲	**415**	Pearl Gray	274	2	1
❖	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	175	2	1
T	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	162	2	1
▼	**825**	Dark Blue	159	2	1
X	**603**	Cranberry	107	1	1
Z	**700**	Bright Green	107	1	1
O	**435**	Very Light Brown	84	1	1
A	**602**	Medium Cranberry	57	1	1
+	**433**	Medium Brown	32	1	1
V	**917**	Medium Plum	16	1	1
◆	**783**	Medium Topaz	8	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 17 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 15 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 15 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 44 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

