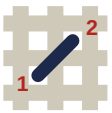
Whimsical mallard duck

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 352): 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 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				stitches	skeins
●	**352**	Light Coral	2,380	3	▼	**702**	Kelly Green	176	1
A	**597**	Turquoise	801	1	□	**700**	Bright Green	169	1
V	**3812**	Very Dark Seagreen	585	1	★	**310**	Black	109	1
▲	**BLANC**	White	221	1	◆	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	96	1
+	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	203	1	❖	**726**	Light Topaz	35	1
H	**433**	Medium Brown	198	1	Z	**797**	Royal Blue	24	1
=	**415**	Pearl Gray	178	1	X	**783**	Medium Topaz	9	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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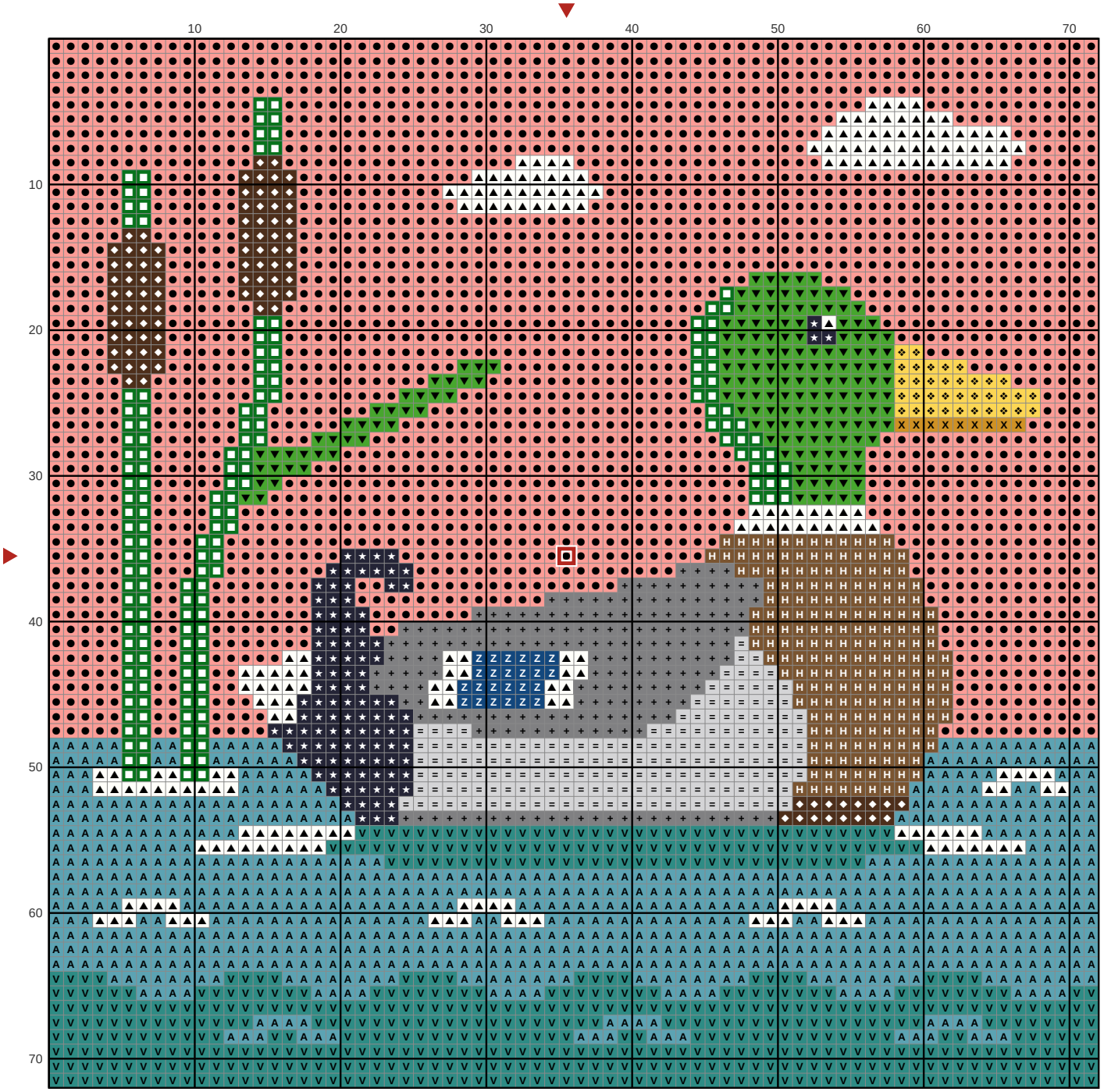
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 352** Light Coral
- A **DMC 597** Turquoise
- V **DMC 3812** Very Dark Seagreen
- ▲ **DMC BLANC** White
- \+ **DMC 414** Dark Steel Gray
- H **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- = **DMC 415** Pearl Gray
- ▼ **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- ■ **DMC 700** Bright Green
- ★ **DMC 310** Black
- ◆ **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- ❖ **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- Z **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- X **DMC 783** Medium Topaz