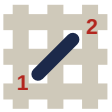
Whimsical curled feather

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 3761): 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 3833: 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 17 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
●	**3833**	Light Raspberry	1,086	2
■	**3761**	Light Sky Blue	837	1
▲	**598**	Light Turquoise	656	1
◆	**828**	Ultra Very Light Sky Blue	624	1
▼	**225**	Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	568	1
★	**3832**	Medium Raspberry	299	1
❖	**3834**	Dark Grape	278	1
X	**3341**	Apricot	208	1
H	**3350**	Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	205	1
+	**3854**	Medium Autumn Gold	131	1
=	**310**	Black	74	1
Z	**321**	Red	63	1
A	**211**	Light Lavender	50	1
V	**553**	Violet	47	1
T	**210**	Medium Lavender	42	1
N	**815**	Medium Garnet	16	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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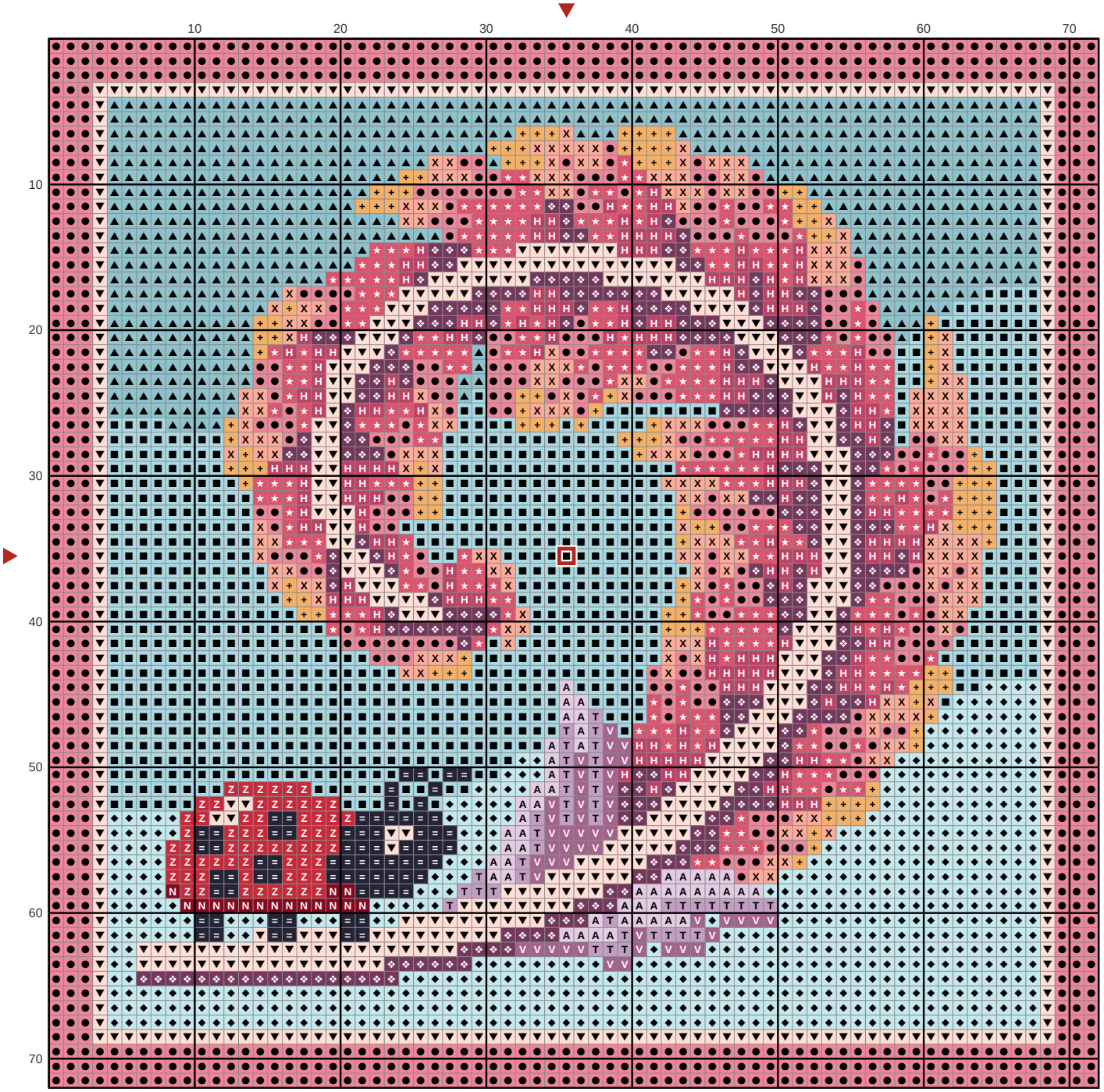
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3833** Light Raspberry
- ■ **DMC 3761** Light Sky Blue
- ▲ **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- ◆ **DMC 828** Ultra Very Light Sky Blue
- ▼ **DMC 225** Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
- ★ **DMC 3832** Medium Raspberry
- ❖ **DMC 3834** Dark Grape
- X **DMC 3341** Apricot
- H **DMC 3350** Ultra Dark Dusty Rose
- \+ **DMC 3854** Medium Autumn Gold
- = **DMC 310** Black
- Z **DMC 321** Red
- A **DMC 211** Light Lavender
- V **DMC 553** Violet
- T **DMC 210** Medium Lavender
- N **DMC 815** Medium Garnet