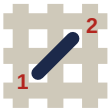
Whimsical gift bag

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 597): 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, 12 colors, about 13 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
●	**3837**	Ultra Dark Lavender	1,875	2	★	**783**	Medium Topaz	258	1
H	**597**	Turquoise	1,104	1	◆	**800**	Pale Delft Blue	128	1
▼	**603**	Cranberry	593	1	=	**316**	Medium Antique Mauve	103	1
■	**BLANC**	White	398	1	❖	**797**	Royal Blue	60	1
X	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	302	1	▲	**782**	Dark Topaz	47	1
Z	**602**	Medium Cranberry	288	1	+	**818**	Baby Pink	28	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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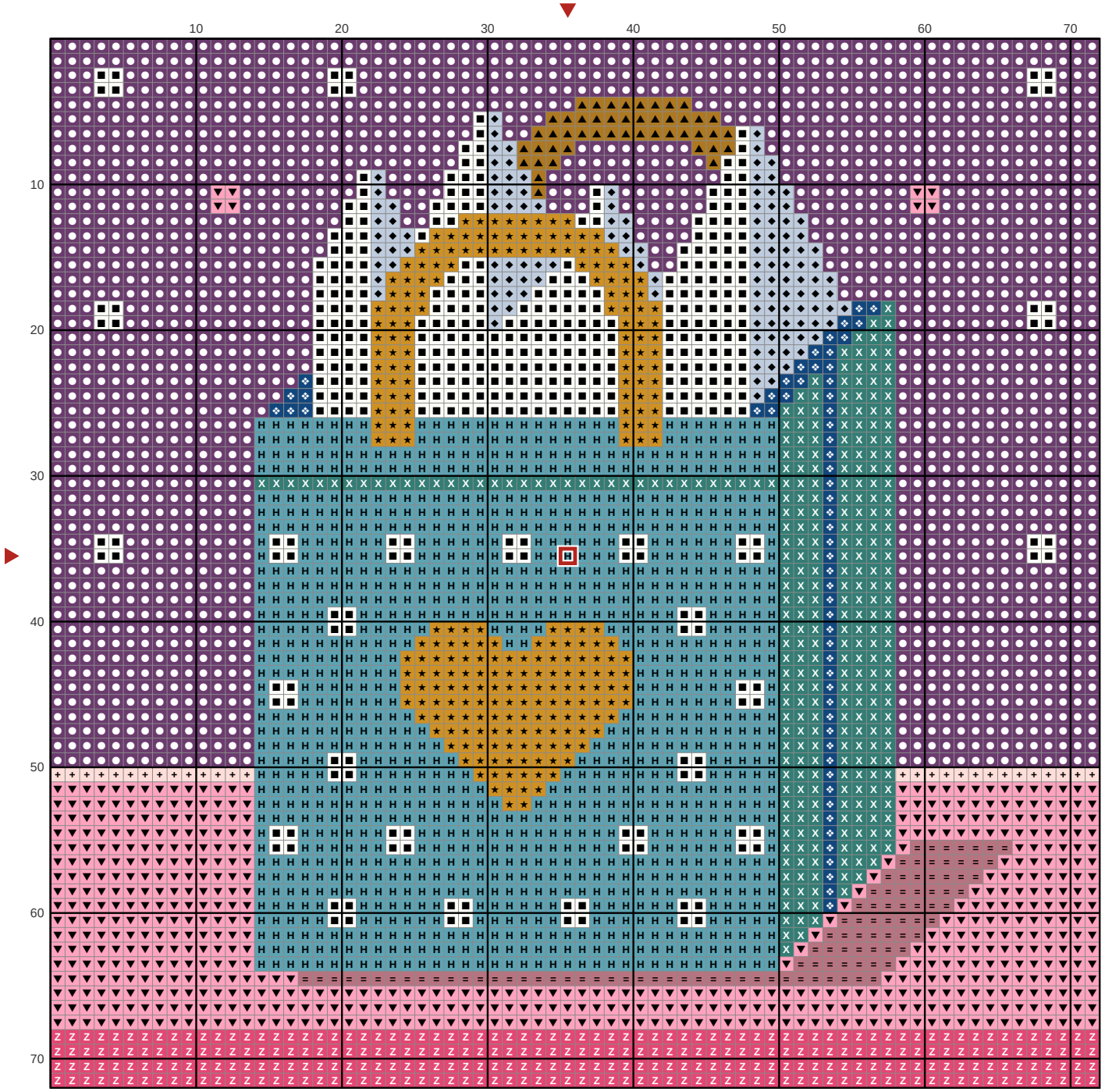
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 3837** Ultra Dark Lavender
- **DMC 597** Turquoise
- **DMC 603** Cranberry
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 3847** Dark Teal Green
- **DMC 602** Medium Cranberry
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 800** Pale Delft Blue
- **DMC 316** Medium Antique Mauve
- **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- **DMC 818** Baby Pink