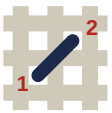
Whimsical goldfinch

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 310): 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 799: 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
●	**799**	Medium Delft Blue	3,201	3
◆	**973**	Bright Canary	495	1
■	**310**	Black	439	1
❖	**702**	Kelly Green	360	1
+	**BLANC**	White	165	1
X	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	138	1
▲	**553**	Violet	108	1
▼	**917**	Medium Plum	58	1
=	**351**	Coral	58	1
V	**783**	Medium Topaz	51	1
H	**700**	Bright Green	50	1
Z	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	30	1
A	**210**	Medium Lavender	16	1
★	**352**	Light Coral	15	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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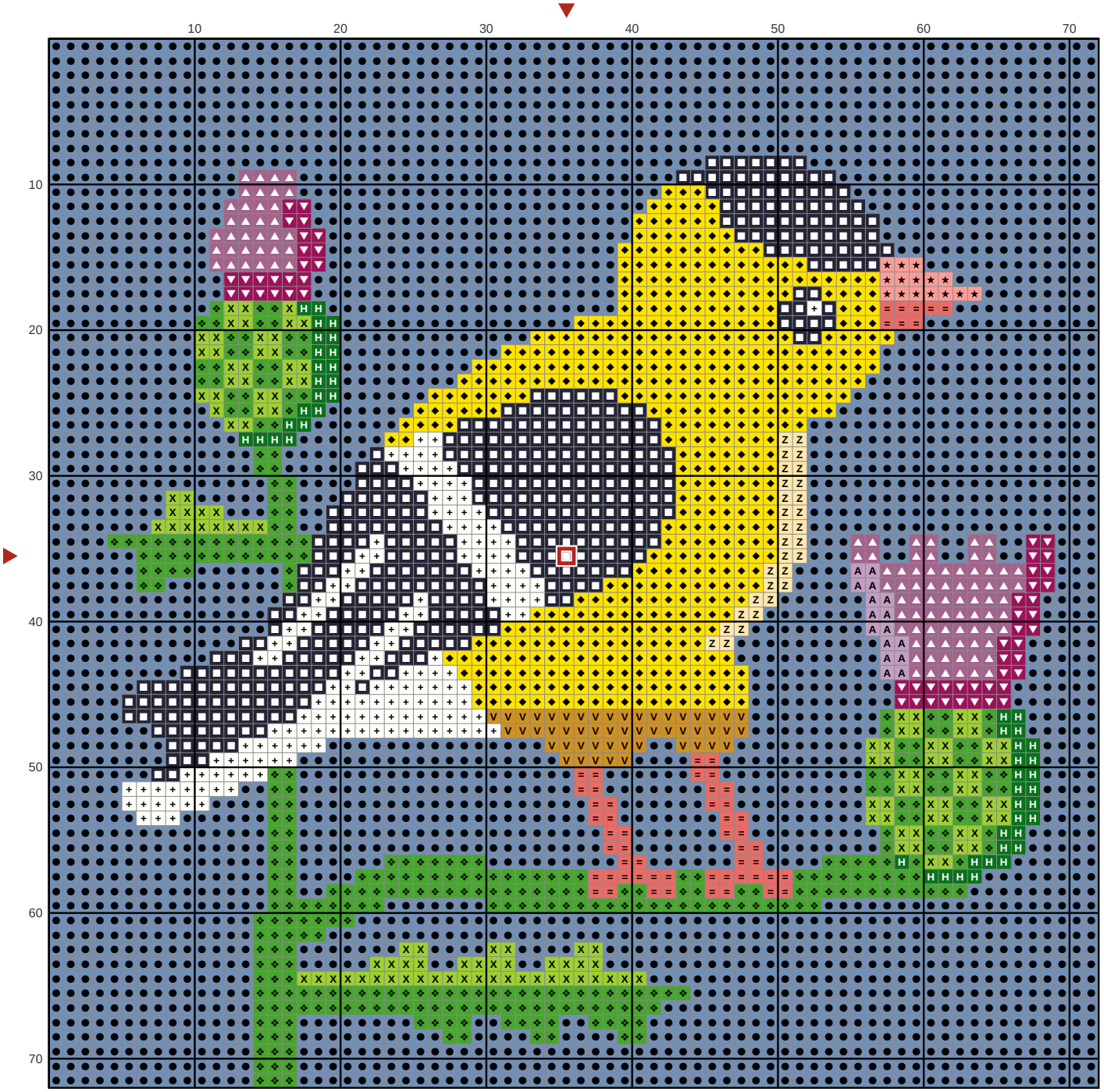
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- ◆ **DMC 973** Bright Canary
- ■ **DMC 310** Black
- ❖ **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- \+ **DMC BLANC** White
- X **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- ▲ **DMC 553** Violet
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