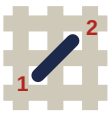
Whimsical gopher

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 433): 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, 13 colors, about 15 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
●	813	Light Blue	2,147	3
■	436	Tan	1,125	1
▲	433	Medium Brown	632	1
=	702	Kelly Green	391	1
Z	738	Very Light Tan	233	1
★	ECRU	Ecru	163	1
A	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	112	1
H	435	Very Light Brown	107	1
+	700	Bright Green	91	1
X	726	Light Topaz	74	1
◆	603	Cranberry	51	1
❖	3854	Medium Autumn Gold	36	1
▼	310	Black	22	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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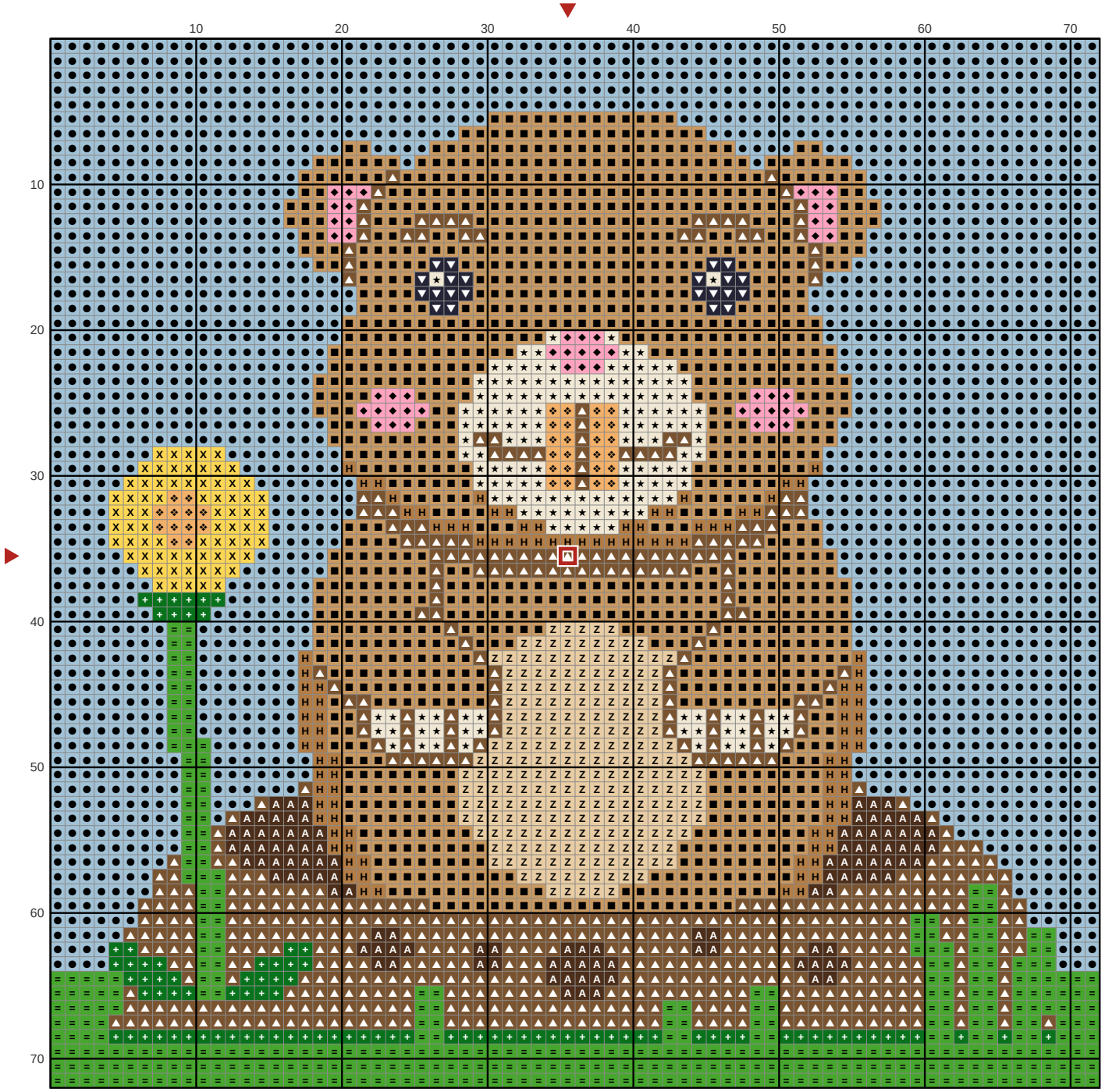
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 813** Light Blue
- ■ **DMC 436** Tan
- ▲ **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- = **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- Z **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- ★ **DMC ECRU** Ecru
- A **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- H **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- \+ **DMC 700** Bright Green
- X **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- ◆ **DMC 603** Cranberry
- ❖ **DMC 3854** Medium Autumn Gold
- ▼ **DMC 310** Black