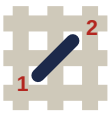
Whimsical kiwi

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 435): 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
●	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	2,422	3
❖	435	Very Light Brown	673	1
H	433	Medium Brown	458	1
V	909	Very Dark Emerald Green	369	1
▼	702	Kelly Green	328	1
+	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	321	1
▲	704	Bright Chartreuse	155	1
A	738	Very Light Tan	148	1
◆	745	Light Pale Yellow	109	1
X	436	Tan	104	1
Z	ECRU	Ecru	46	1
■	BLANC	White	32	1
★	728	Topaz	15	1
=	310	Black	4	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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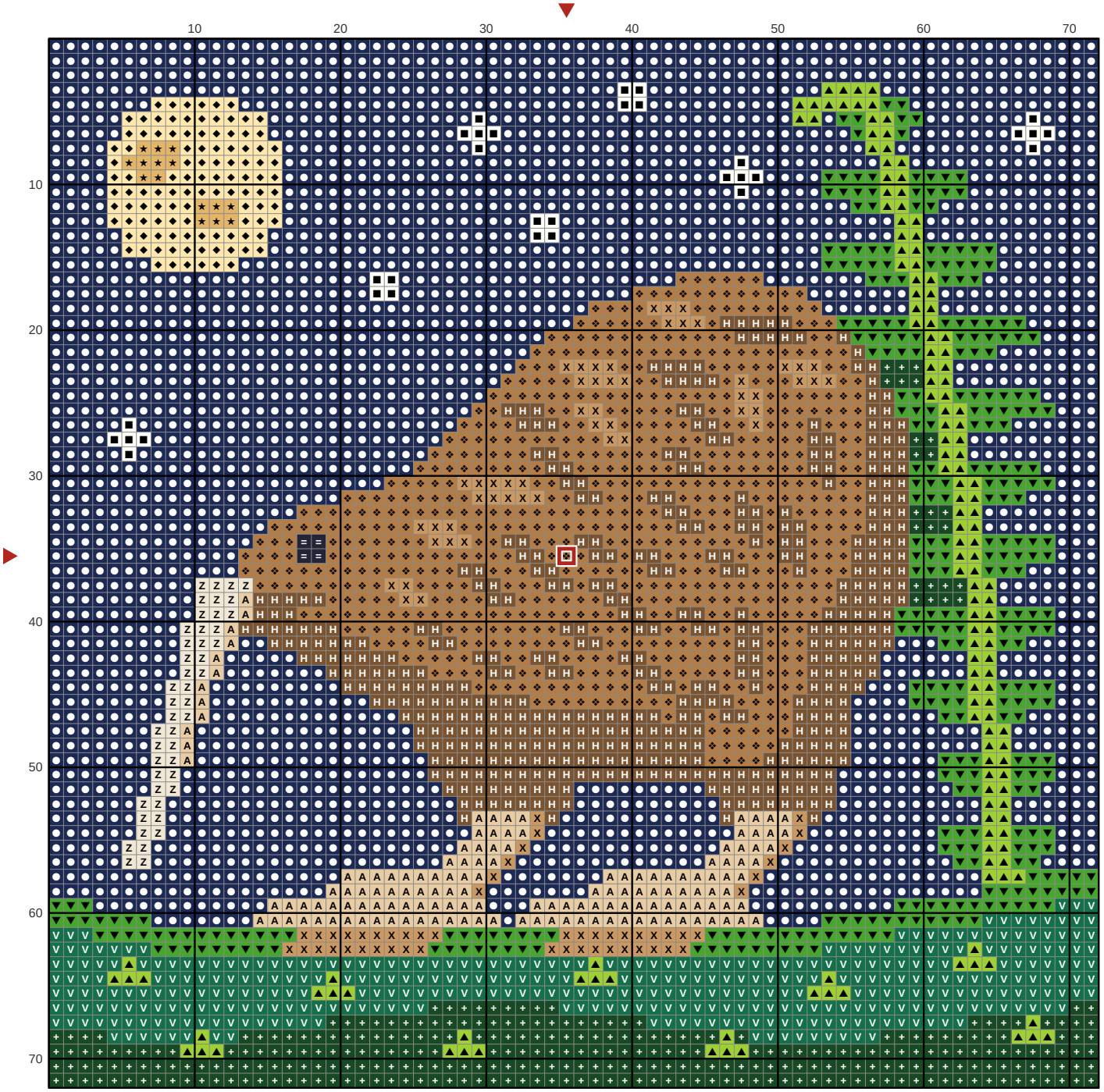
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

● **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue	+ **DMC 890** Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	Z **DMC ECRU** Ecru
❖ **DMC 435** Very Light Brown	▲ **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse	■ **DMC BLANC** White
H **DMC 433** Medium Brown	A **DMC 738** Very Light Tan	★ **DMC 728** Topaz
V **DMC 909** Very Dark Emerald Green	◆ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow	= **DMC 310** Black
▼ **DMC 702** Kelly Green	X **DMC 436** Tan	