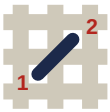
Whimsical limes

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 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 746): 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, 15 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
●	**746**	Off White	974	1
■	**721**	Medium Orange Spice	582	1
▲	**741**	Medium Tangerine	469	1
◆	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	458	1
▼	**895**	Very Dark Hunter Green	439	1
★	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	424	1
❖	**907**	Light Parrot Green	337	1
X	**3712**	Medium Salmon	313	1
H	**905**	Dark Parrot Green	297	1
+	**725**	Medium Light Topaz	270	1
=	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	189	1
Z	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	133	1
A	**744**	Pale Yellow	122	1
V	**3819**	Light Moss Green	89	1
T	**3721**	Dark Shell Pink	88	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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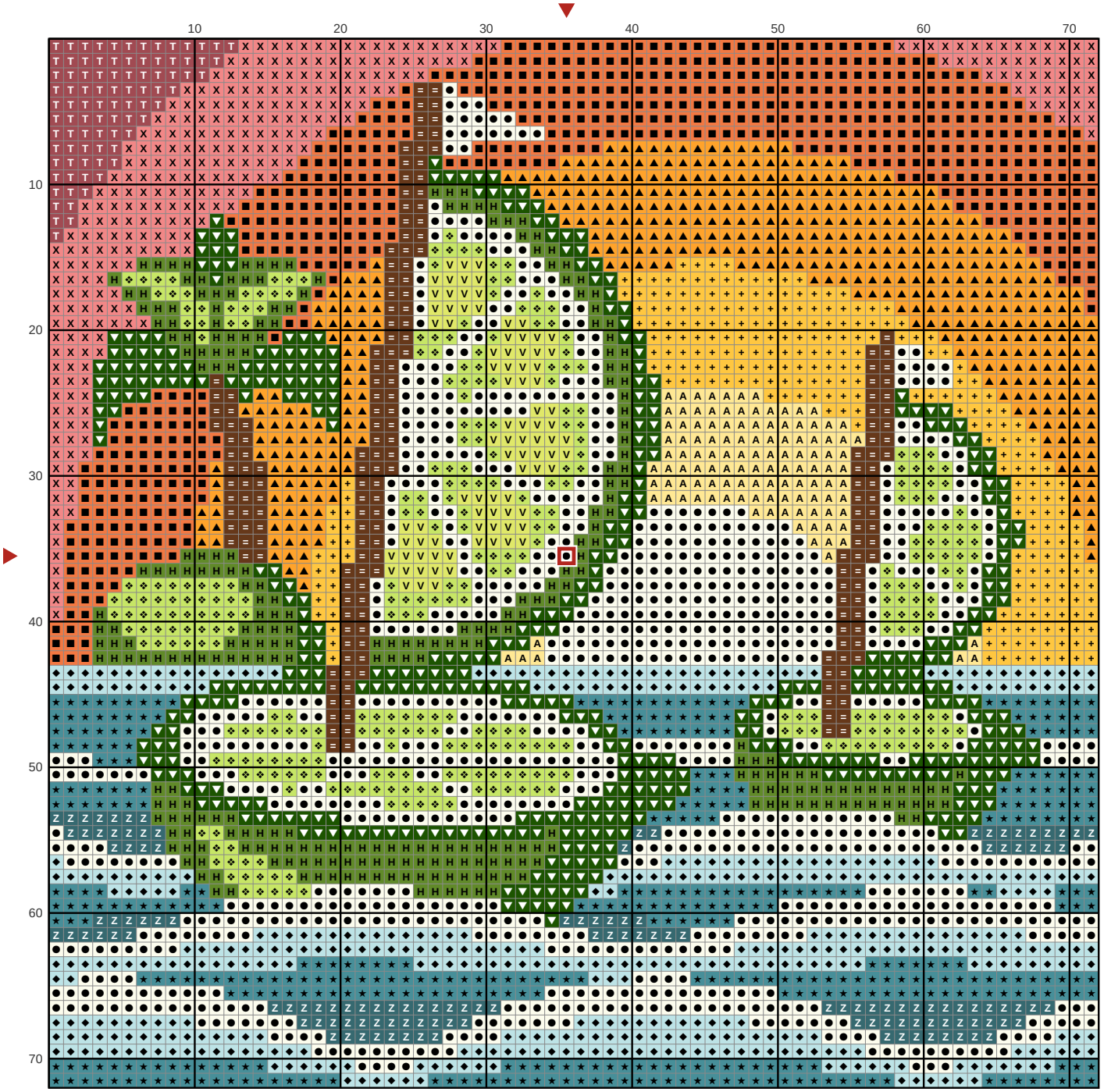
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- ▲ **DMC 741** Medium Tangerine
- ◆ **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- ▼ **DMC 895** Very Dark Hunter Green
- ★ **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- ❖ **DMC 907** Light Parrot Green
- X **DMC 3712** Medium Salmon
- H **DMC 905** Dark Parrot Green
- \+ **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- = **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- Z **DMC 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- A **DMC 744** Pale Yellow
- V **DMC 3819** Light Moss Green
- T **DMC 3721** Dark Shell Pink