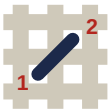
Whimsical red lipstick and hummingbird

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 3811): 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, 16 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
●	**598**	Light Turquoise	974	1
■	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	808	1
▲	**712**	Cream	597	1
◆	**501**	Dark Blue Green	482	1
▼	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	311	1
★	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	306	1
❖	**3347**	Medium Yellow Green	226	1
X	**3716**	Very Light Rose	219	1
H	**3731**	Very Dark Dusty Rose	205	1
+	**3855**	Light Autumn Gold	197	1
=	**943**	Medium Aquamarine	197	1
Z	**783**	Medium Topaz	163	1
A	**666**	Bright Red	152	1
V	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	142	1
T	**3768**	Dark Gray Green	125	1
N	**815**	Medium Garnet	80	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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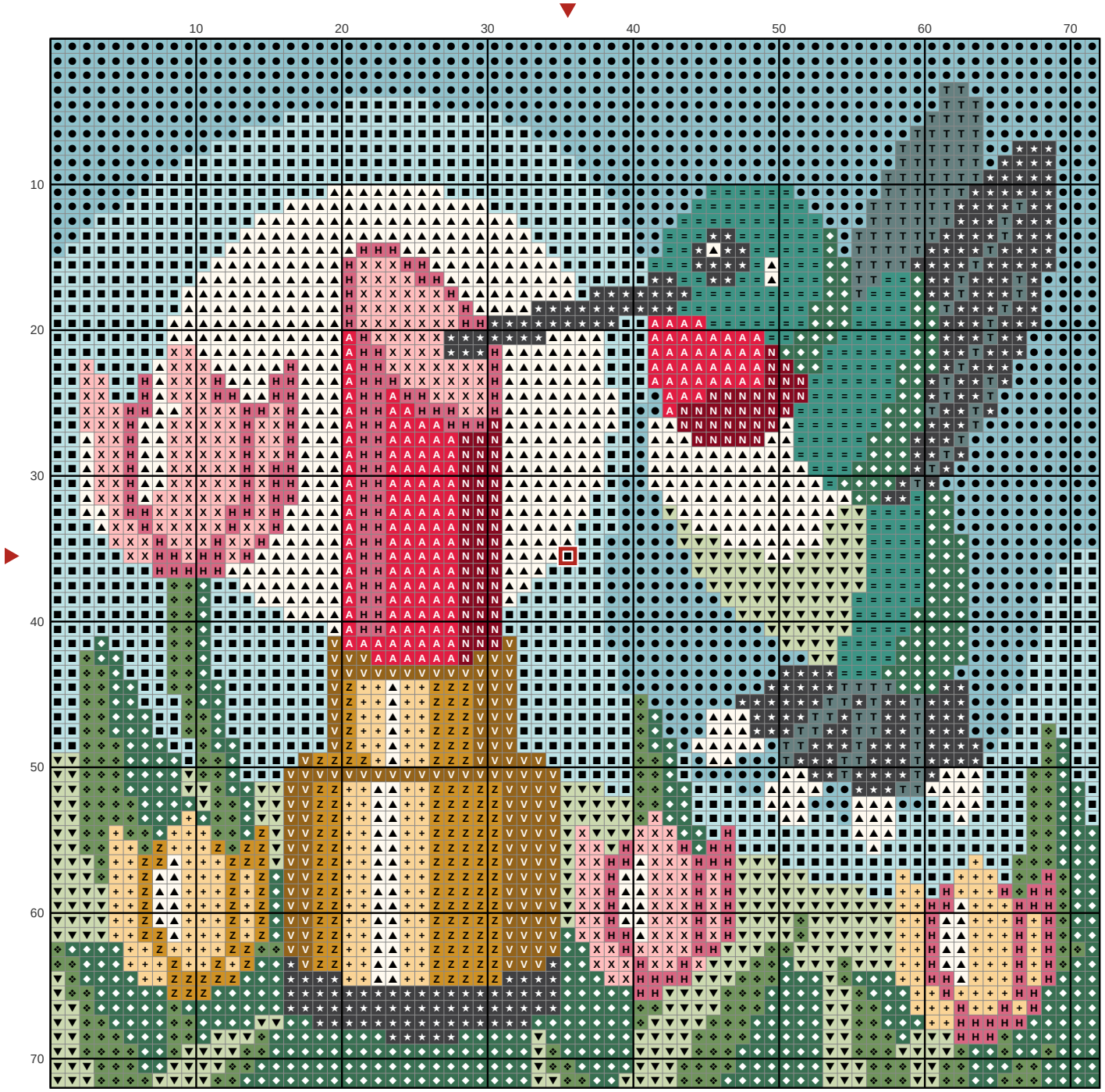
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- ■ **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- ▲ **DMC 712** Cream
- ◆ **DMC 501** Dark Blue Green
- ▼ **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- ★ **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- ❖ **DMC 3347** Medium Yellow Green
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