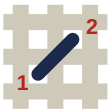
Whimsical Texas longhorn in bluebonnets

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 3776): 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 17 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
●	**3341**	Apricot	1,133	2
■	**712**	Cream	652	1
▲	**3053**	Green Gray	466	1
◆	**3776**	Light Mahogany	423	1
▼	**353**	Peach	414	1
★	**3345**	Dark Hunter Green	362	1
❖	**809**	Delft Blue	345	1
X	**300**	Very Dark Mahogany	276	1
H	**402**	Very Light Mahogany	226	1
+	**842**	Very Light Beige Brown	199	1
=	**3863**	Medium Mocha Beige	188	1
Z	**796**	Dark Royal Blue	183	1
A	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	139	1
V	**798**	Dark Delft Blue	96	1
T	**3371**	Black Brown	65	1
N	**3722**	Medium Shell Pink	17	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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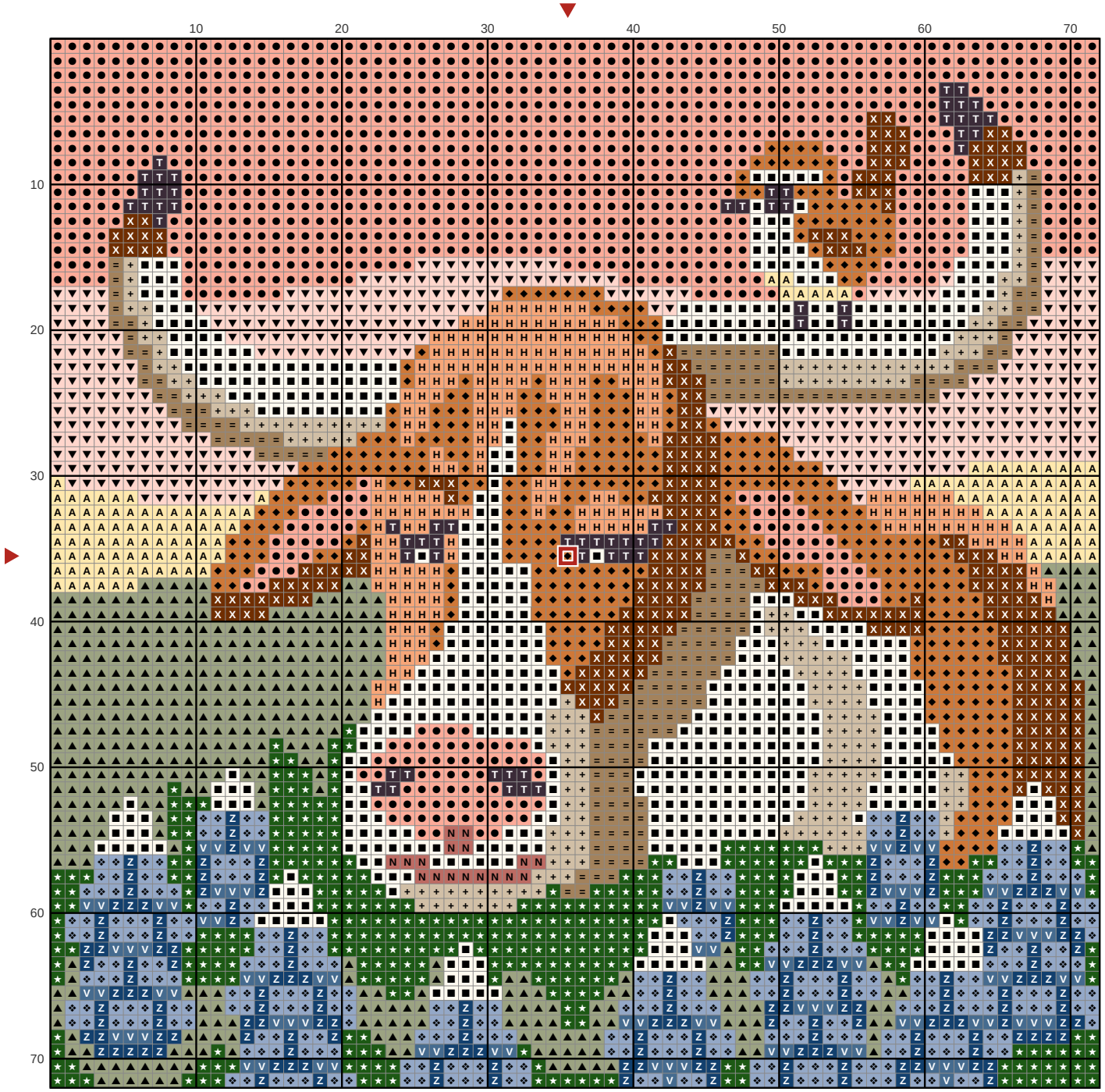
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3341** Apricot
- ■ **DMC 712** Cream
- ▲ **DMC 3053** Green Gray
- ◆ **DMC 3776** Light Mahogany
- ▼ **DMC 353** Peach
- ★ **DMC 3345** Dark Hunter Green
- ❖ **DMC 809** Delft Blue
- X **DMC 300** Very Dark Mahogany
- H **DMC 402** Very Light Mahogany
- \+ **DMC 842** Very Light Beige Brown
- = **DMC 3863** Medium Mocha Beige
- Z **DMC 796** Dark Royal Blue
- A **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- V **DMC 798** Dark Delft Blue
- T **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- N **DMC 3722** Medium Shell Pink