Whimsical Los Angeles observatory

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
★	**DMC 600**	Very Dark Cranberry	848	6	1
●	**DMC 208**	Very Dark Lavender	841	6	1
❖	**DMC 351**	Coral	808	6	1
Z	**DMC 726**	Light Topaz	537	4	1
+	**DMC 783**	Medium Topaz	425	3	1
=	**DMC 970**	Light Pumpkin	396	3	1
▲	**DMC BLANC**	White	315	3	1
▼	**DMC 898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	266	2	1
O	**DMC 800**	Pale Delft Blue	212	2	1
A	**DMC ECRU**	Ecru	164	2	1
■	**DMC 702**	Kelly Green	140	1	1
X	**DMC 3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	130	1	1
◆	**DMC 890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	102	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 13 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 13 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 13 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 40 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart: 72 x 72 stitches

