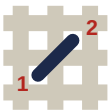
Whimsical manatee

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 3042): 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
●	**598**	Light Turquoise	920	1
□	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	661	1
▲	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	597	1
◆	**453**	Light Shell Gray	500	1
▼	**597**	Turquoise	493	1
★	**3042**	Light Antique Violet	433	1
❖	**3770**	Very Light Tawny	311	1
X	**988**	Medium Forest Green	298	1
H	**3041**	Medium Antique Violet	291	1
+	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	220	1
=	**3740**	Dark Antique Violet	137	1
Z	**3689**	Light Mauve	110	1
A	**3731**	Very Dark Dusty Rose	104	1
V	**950**	Light Desert Sand	75	1
T	**154**	Very Dark Grape	34	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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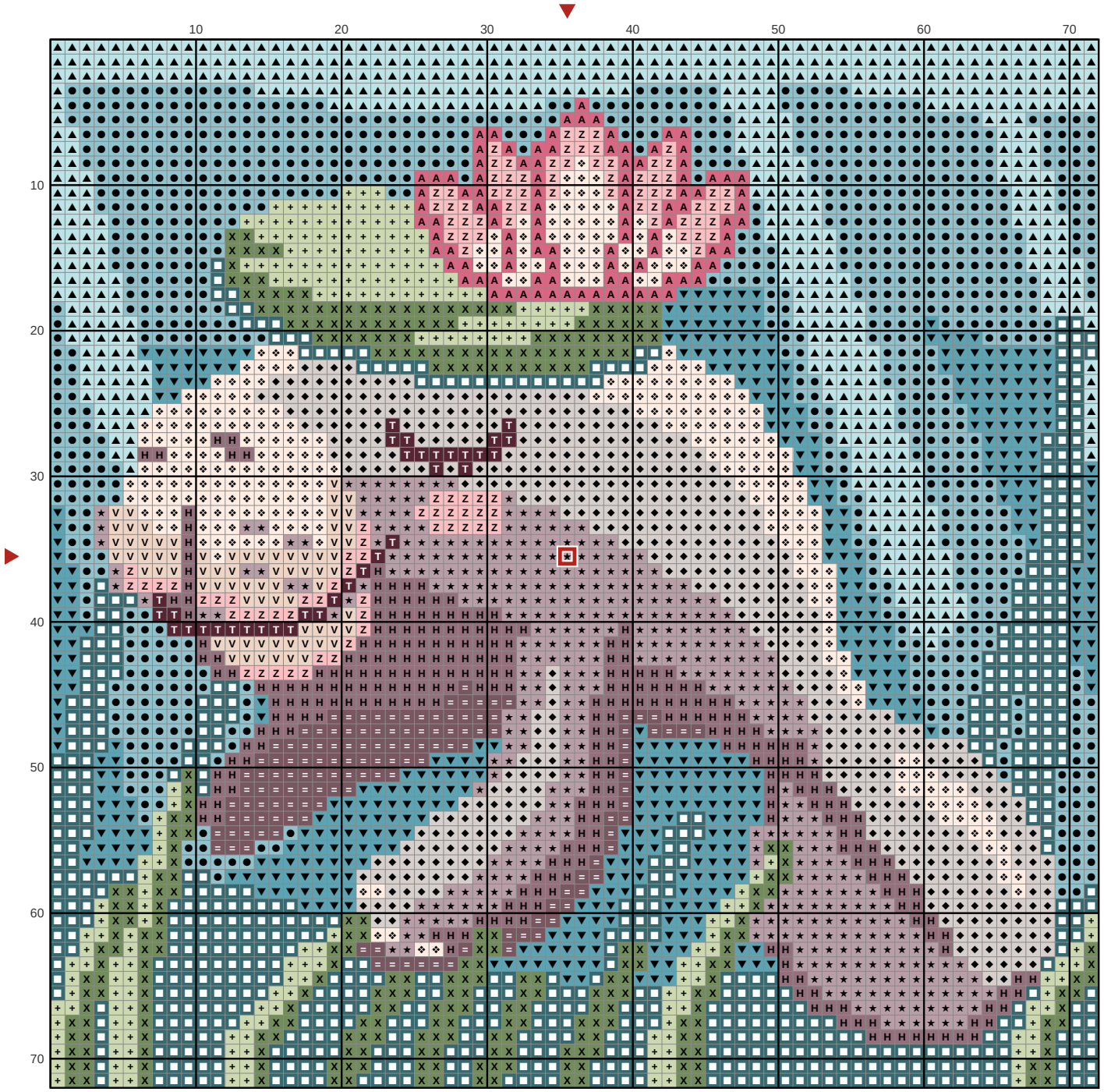
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- ■ **DMC 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- ▲ **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- ◆ **DMC 453** Light Shell Gray
- ▼ **DMC 597** Turquoise
- ★ **DMC 3042** Light Antique Violet
- ❖ **DMC 3770** Very Light Tawny
- X **DMC 988** Medium Forest Green
- H **DMC 3041** Medium Antique Violet
- \+ **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- = **DMC 3740** Dark Antique Violet
- Z **DMC 3689** Light Mauve
- A **DMC 3731** Very Dark Dusty Rose
- V **DMC 950** Light Desert Sand
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