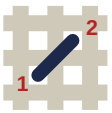
Whimsical Nantucket basket

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 704): 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 in DMC BLANC: 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, 12 colors, about 14 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
■	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	2,110	2
●	**BLANC**	White	1,340	2
Z	**783**	Medium Topaz	406	1
=	**728**	Topaz	308	1
◆	**782**	Dark Topaz	273	1
▲	**666**	Bright Red	236	1
❖	**208**	Very Dark Lavender	185	1
▼	**799**	Medium Delft Blue	164	1
★	**800**	Pale Delft Blue	64	1
H	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	50	1
X	**211**	Light Lavender	40	1
+	**726**	Light Topaz	8	1

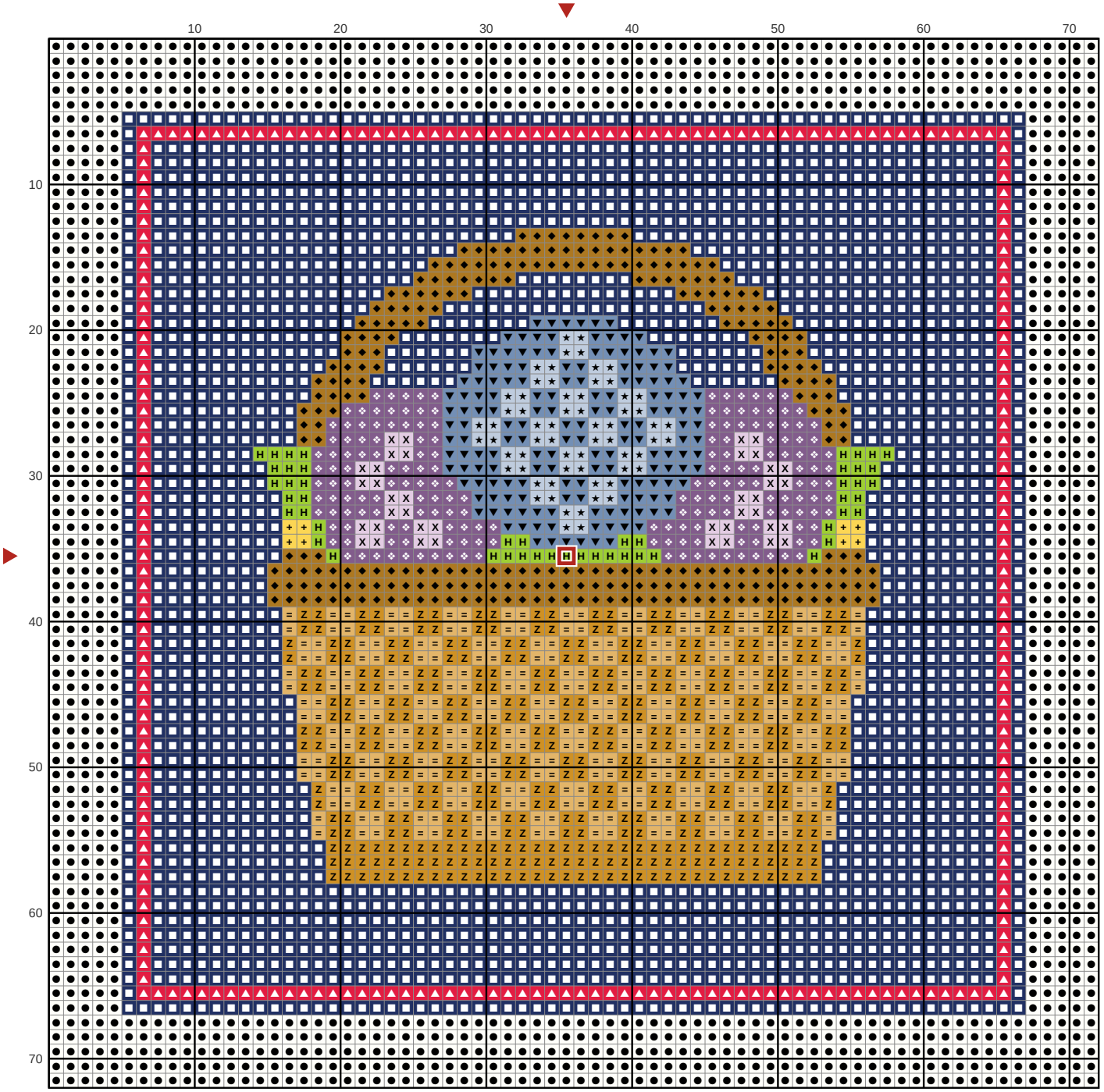
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 728** Topaz
- **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- **DMC 666** Bright Red
- **DMC 208** Very Dark Lavender
- **DMC 799** Medium Delft Blue
- **DMC 800** Pale Delft Blue
- **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- **DMC 211** Light Lavender
- **DMC 726** Light Topaz