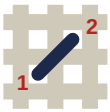
Whimsical narwhal catching the moon

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 211): 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
●	**550**	Very Dark Violet	1,037	1
■	**327**	Dark Violet	621	1
▲	**3865**	Winter White	511	1
◆	**32**	Dark Blueberry	449	1
▼	**210**	Medium Lavender	438	1
★	**211**	Light Lavender	328	1
❖	**3747**	Very Light Blue Violet	310	1
X	**3807**	Cornflower Blue	270	1
H	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	250	1
+	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	239	1
=	**209**	Dark Lavender	232	1
Z	**340**	Medium Blue Violet	206	1
A	**743**	Medium Yellow	190	1
V	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	49	1
T	**783**	Medium Topaz	38	1
N	**3689**	Light Mauve	16	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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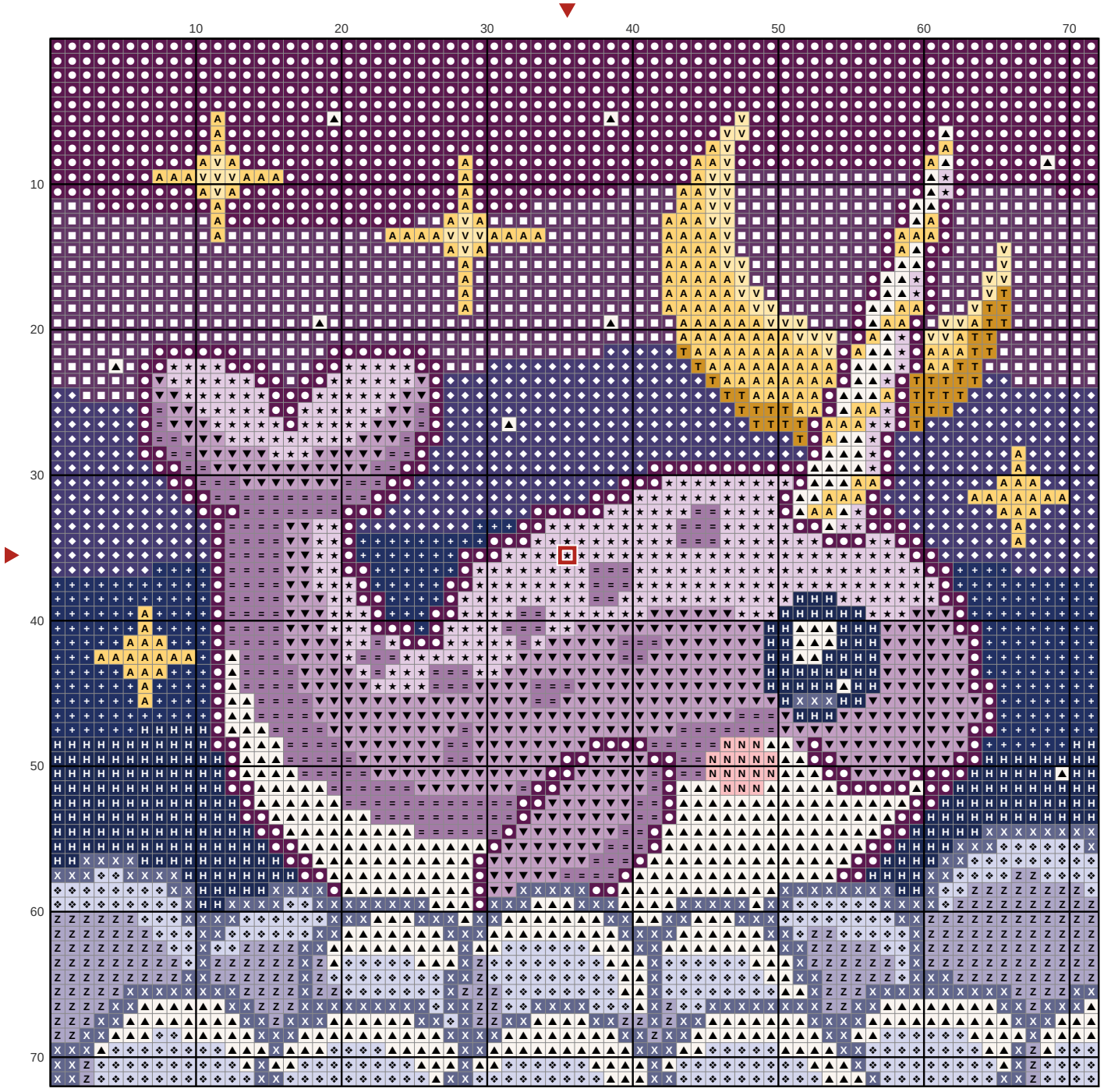
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 550** Very Dark Violet
- **DMC 327** Dark Violet
- **DMC 3865** Winter White
- **DMC 32** Dark Blueberry
- **DMC 210** Medium Lavender
- **DMC 211** Light Lavender
- **DMC 3747** Very Light Blue Violet
- **DMC 3807** Cornflower Blue
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 209** Dark Lavender
- **DMC 340** Medium Blue Violet
- **DMC 743** Medium Yellow
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 3689** Light Mauve