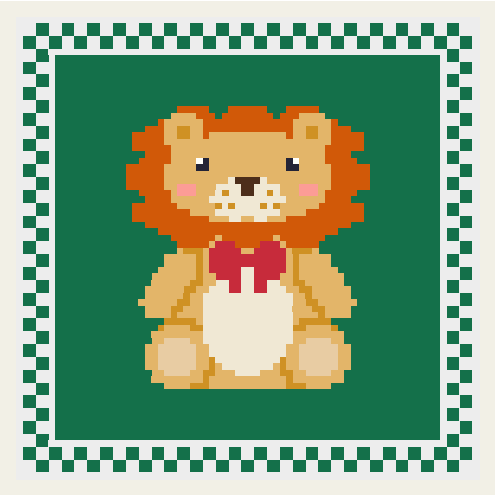
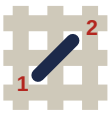
Whimsical nursery lion

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 900): 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 762: 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 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
□	**909**	Very Dark Emerald Green	2,772	3
●	**762**	Very Light Pearl Gray	1,056	2
◆	**728**	Topaz	558	1
▲	**900**	Dark Burnt Orange	336	1
X	**ECRU**	Ecru	224	1
▼	**783**	Medium Topaz	80	1
=	**321**	Red	66	1
Z	**738**	Very Light Tan	64	1
+	**352**	Light Coral	12	1
H	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	8	1
❖	**310**	Black	6	1
★	**BLANC**	White	2	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.

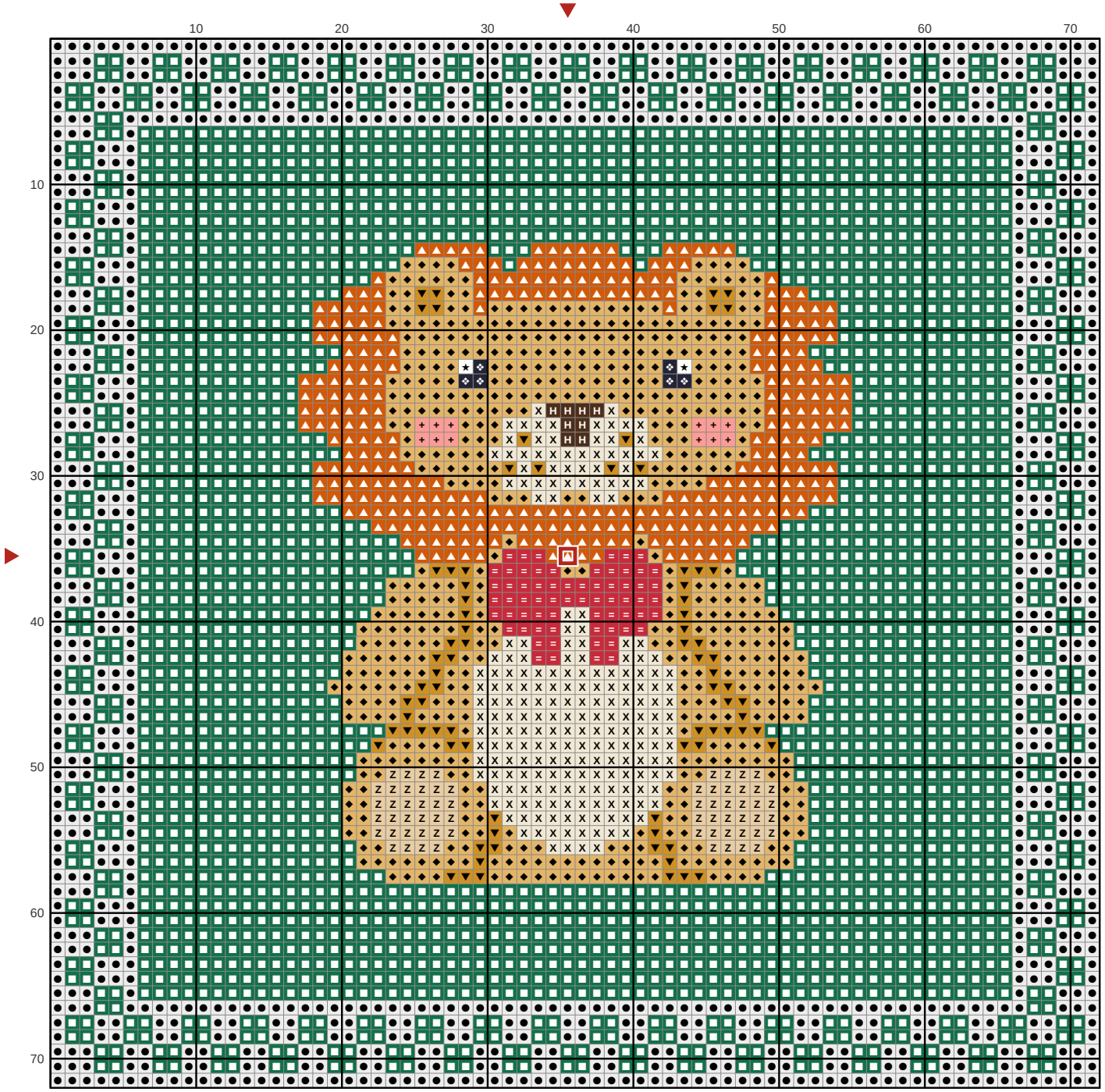
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Needlepoint pattern

Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 909** Very Dark Emerald Green
- **DMC 762** Very Light Pearl Gray
- **DMC 728** Topaz
- **DMC 900** Dark Burnt Orange
- **DMC ECRU** Ecru
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 321** Red
- **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 898** Very Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 310** Black
- **DMC BLANC** White