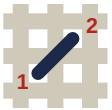
Whimsical outhouse on a hill

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 3853): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color. Empty squares stay bare.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 154: 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 17 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
●	**154**	Very Dark Grape	744	2
■	**3835**	Medium Grape	510	1
▲	**712**	Cream	438	1
◆	**922**	Light Copper	393	1
▼	**3834**	Dark Grape	324	1
★	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	324	1
❖	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	251	1
X	**3854**	Medium Autumn Gold	211	1
H	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	206	1
+	**3853**	Dark Autumn Gold	144	1
=	**433**	Medium Brown	111	1
Z	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	110	1
A	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	103	1
V	**918**	Dark Red Copper	75	1
T	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	66	1
N	**435**	Very Light Brown	50	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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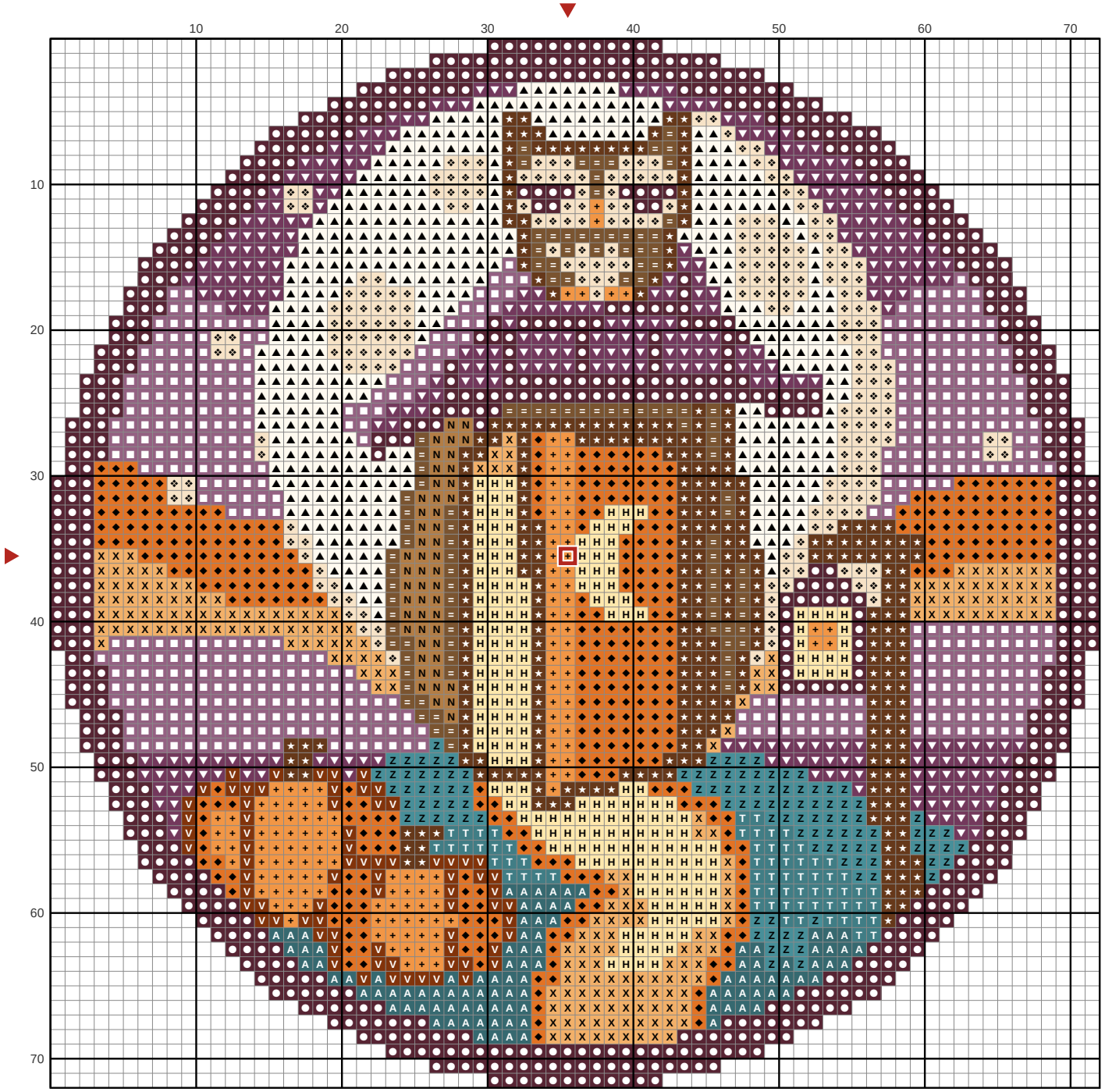
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 154** Very Dark Grape
- **DMC 3835** Medium Grape
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 922** Light Copper
- **DMC 3834** Dark Grape
- **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- **DMC 3854** Medium Autumn Gold
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 3853** Dark Autumn Gold
- **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 918** Dark Red Copper
- **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 435** Very Light Brown