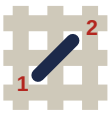
Whimsical party blower

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 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 3847): 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 597: 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, 11 colors, about 13 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
●	**597**	Turquoise	3,022	3
◆	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	514	1
▼	**726**	Light Topaz	482	1
▲	**602**	Medium Cranberry	473	1
❖	**783**	Medium Topaz	236	1
■	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	204	1
★	**917**	Medium Plum	191	1
H	**782**	Dark Topaz	26	1
X	**BLANC**	White	21	1
+	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	9	1
=	**415**	Pearl Gray	6	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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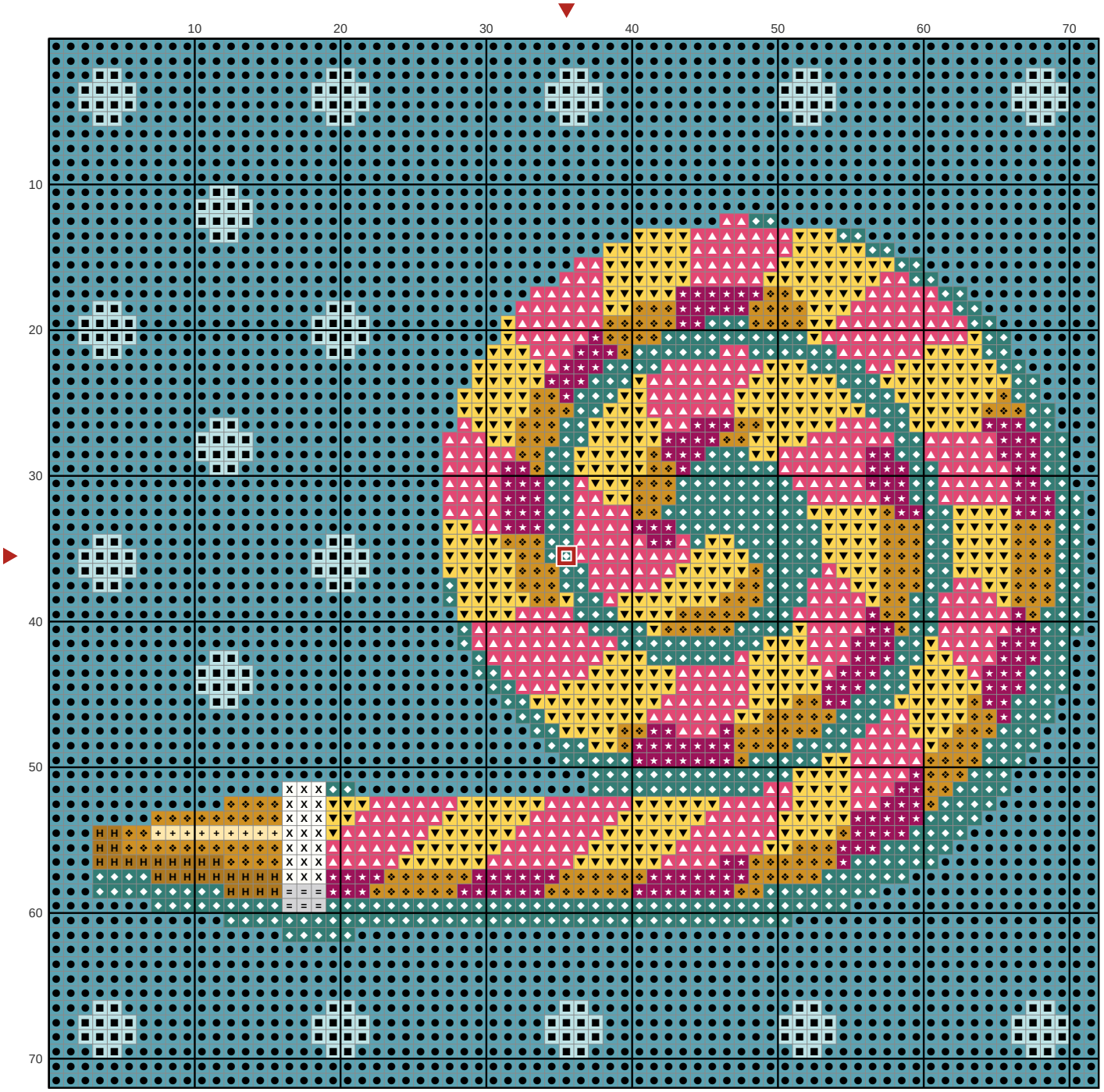
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- DMC 597 Turquoise
- DMC 3847 Dark Teal Green
- DMC 726 Light Topaz
- DMC 602 Medium Cranberry
- DMC 783 Medium Topaz
- DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise
- DMC 917 Medium Plum
- DMC 782 Dark Topaz
- DMC BLANC White
- DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
- DMC 415 Pearl Gray