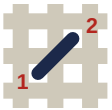
Whimsical piano with a sleeping cat

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 3865): 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 3820: 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
●	**3820**	Dark Straw	720	2
■	**3865**	Winter White	617	1
▲	**336**	Navy Blue	433	1
◆	**3853**	Dark Autumn Gold	410	1
▼	**550**	Very Dark Violet	351	1
★	**553**	Violet	294	1
❖	**918**	Dark Red Copper	277	1
X	**312**	Very Dark Baby Blue	234	1
H	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	220	1
+	**554**	Light Violet	152	1
=	**211**	Light Lavender	92	1
Z	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	83	1
A	**552**	Medium Violet	67	1
V	**3855**	Light Autumn Gold	66	1
T	**921**	Copper	28	1
N	**3712**	Medium Salmon	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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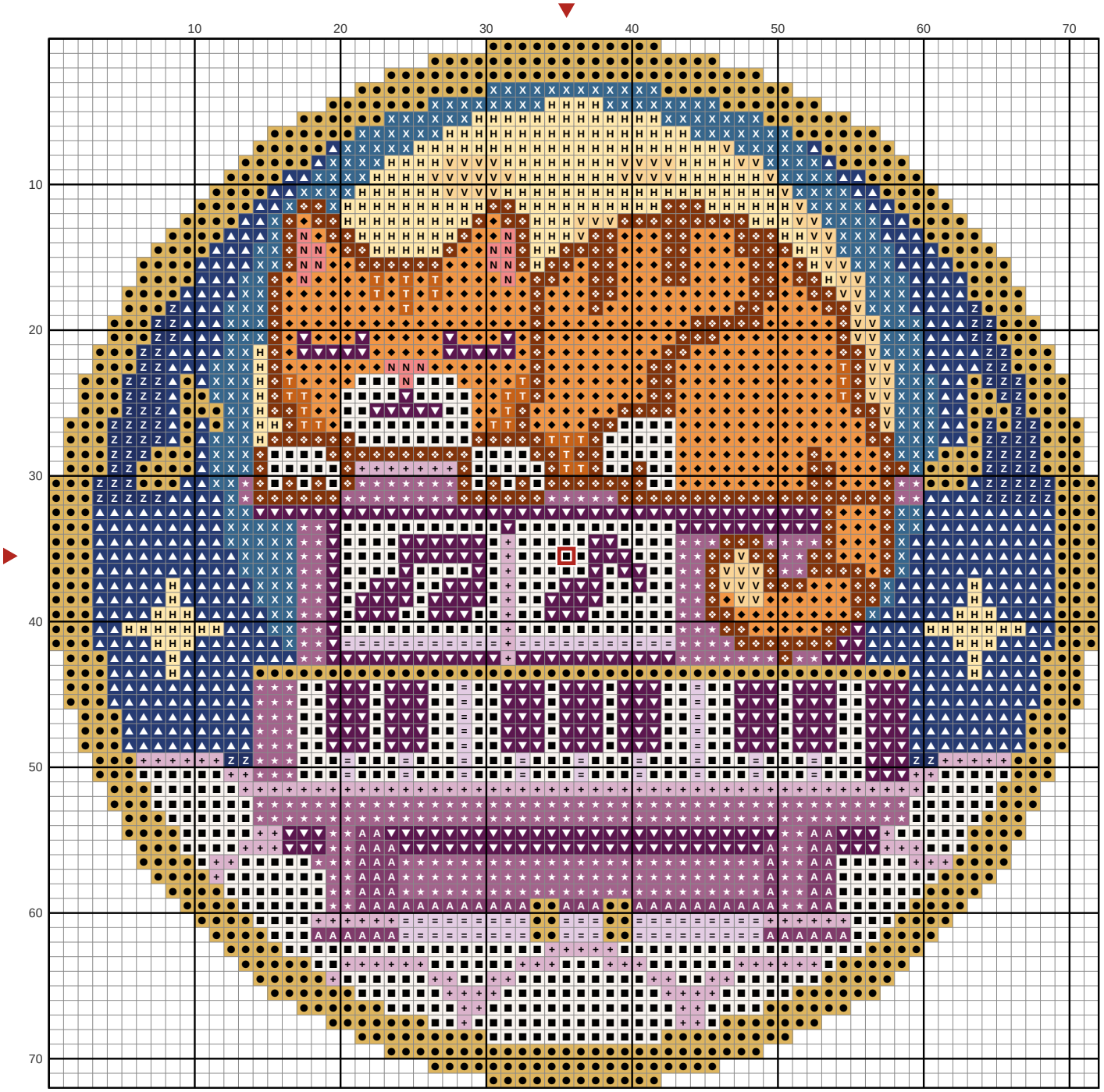
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 3820** Dark Straw
- ■ **DMC 3865** Winter White
- ▲ **DMC 336** Navy Blue
- ◆ **DMC 3853** Dark Autumn Gold
- ▼ **DMC 550** Very Dark Violet
- ★ **DMC 553** Violet
- ❖ **DMC 918** Dark Red Copper
- X **DMC 312** Very Dark Baby Blue
- H **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
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