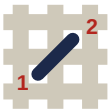
Whimsical polar bear

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 760): 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 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
●	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	1,231	2
■	**3865**	Winter White	1,178	1
▲	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	653	1
◆	**341**	Light Blue Violet	396	1
▼	**775**	Very Light Baby Blue	356	1
★	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	324	1
❖	**598**	Light Turquoise	231	1
X	**760**	Salmon	188	1
H	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	125	1
+	**350**	Medium Coral	96	1
=	**809**	Delft Blue	87	1
Z	**3747**	Very Light Blue Violet	80	1
A	**3820**	Dark Straw	79	1
V	**498**	Dark Red	60	1
T	**782**	Dark Topaz	54	1
N	**597**	Turquoise	46	1

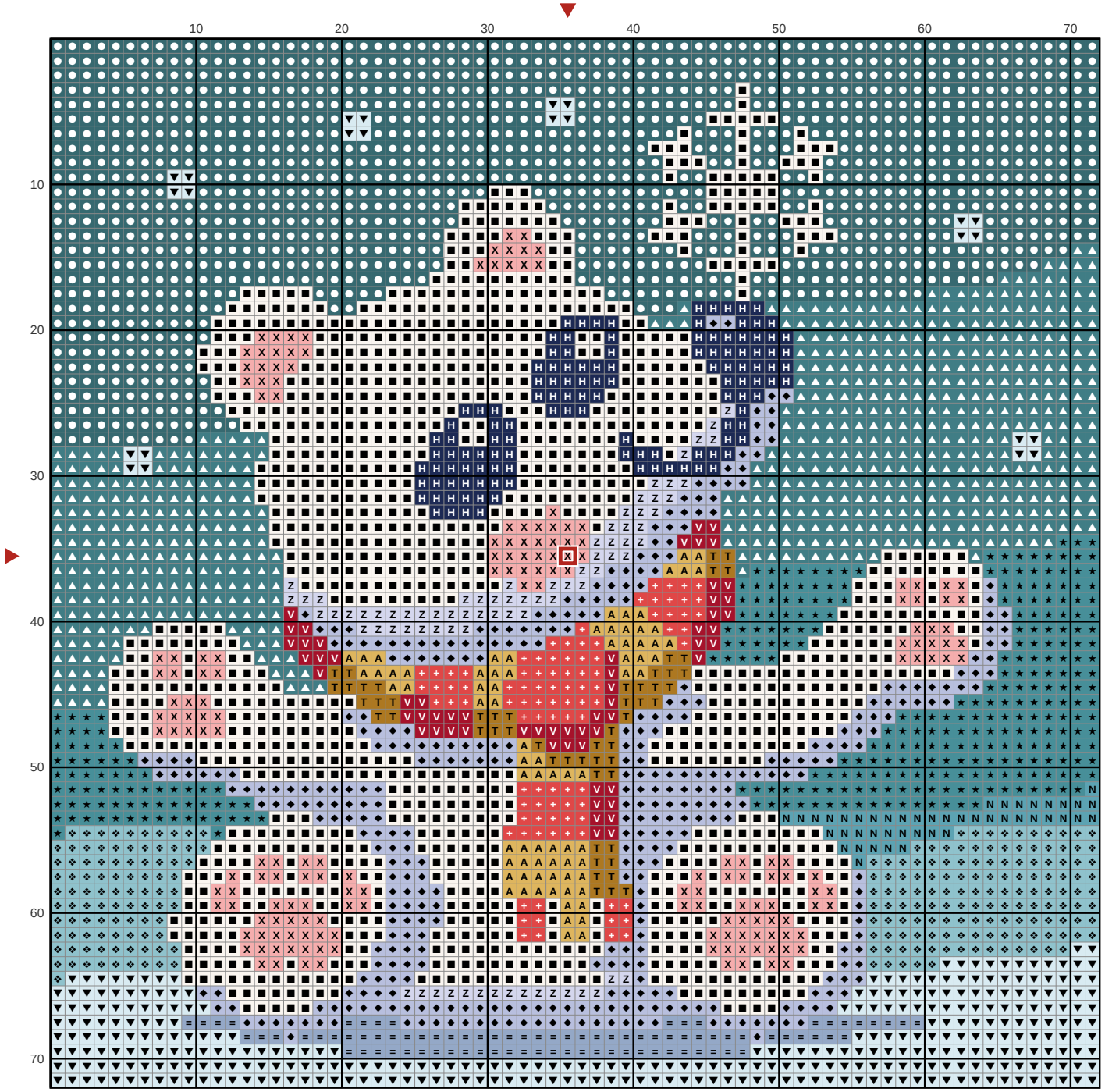
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

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 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- ■ **DMC 3865** Winter White
- ▲ **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- ◆ **DMC 341** Light Blue Violet
- ▼ **DMC 775** Very Light Baby Blue
- ★ **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- ❖ **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- X **DMC 760** Salmon
- H **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- \+ **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- = **DMC 809** Delft Blue
- Z **DMC 3747** Very Light Blue Violet
- A **DMC 3820** Dark Straw
- V **DMC 498** Dark Red
- T **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- N **DMC 597** Turquoise