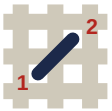
Whimsical prickly pear cactus

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 90 stitches | 5 x 5 in (12.7 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 18 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 on page 2, column 45, row 45 (DMC 3078): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: the opening'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 9.5 in square (24.1 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 18 colors, about 19 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Fit it into a lid: the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first.
How to fit it into a lid.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**3078**	Very Light Golden Yellow	1,805	2
■	**3820**	Dark Straw	1,154	1
▲	**744**	Pale Yellow	956	1
◆	**159**	Light Gray Blue	788	1
▼	**BLANC**	White	742	1
★	**722**	Light Orange Spice	429	1
❖	**992**	Light Aquamarine	311	1
X	**720**	Dark Orange Spice	298	1
H	**918**	Dark Red Copper	262	1
+	**3848**	Medium Teal Green	236	1
=	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	218	1
Z	**964**	Light Seagreen	214	1
A	**797**	Royal Blue	164	1
V	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	138	1
T	**353**	Peach	126	1
N	**676**	Light Old Gold	106	1
S	**352**	Light Coral	88	1
K	**350**	Medium Coral	65	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.

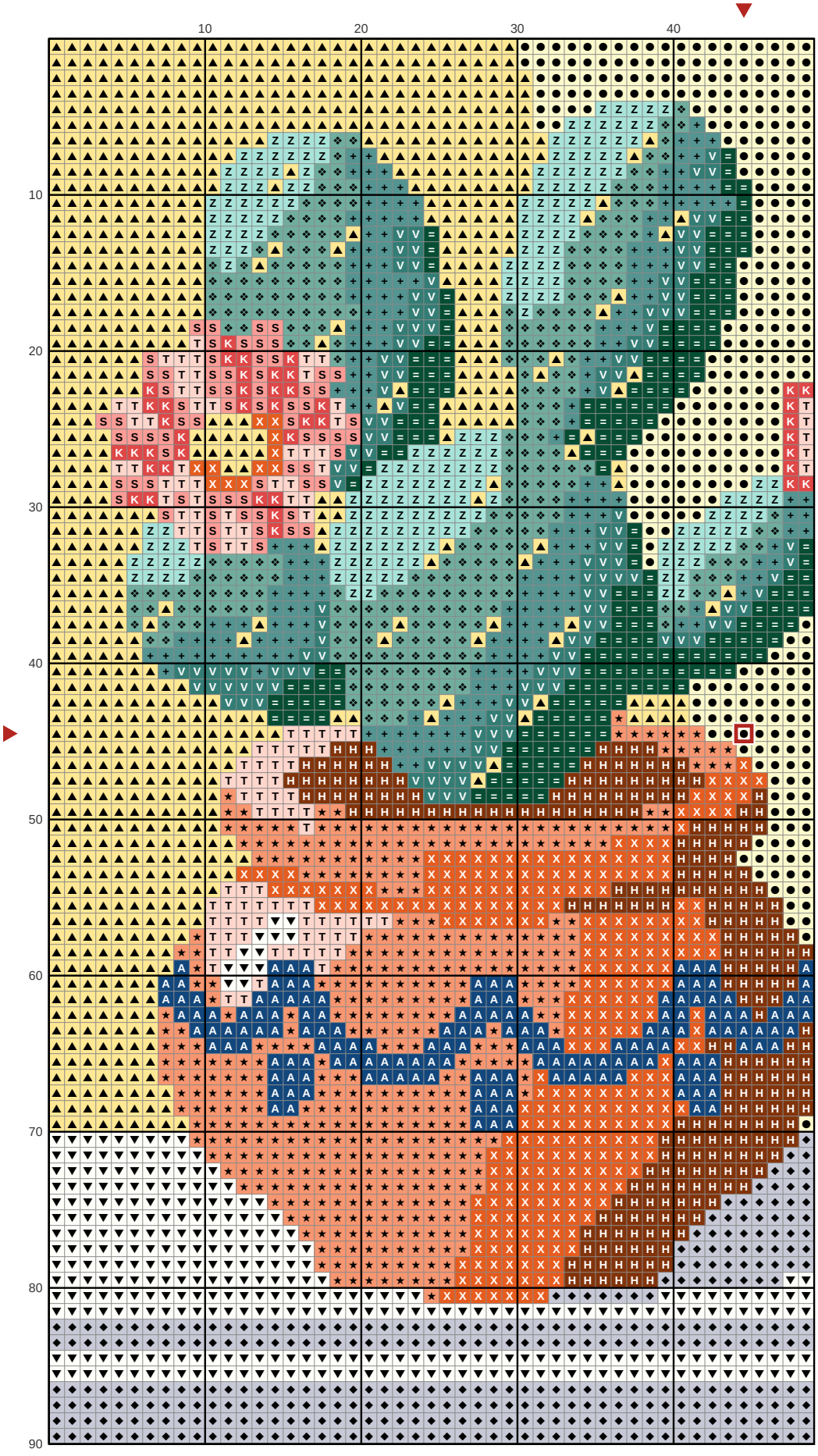
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Needlepoint pattern

Columns 1 to 49, rows 1 to 90. Start at the red outline

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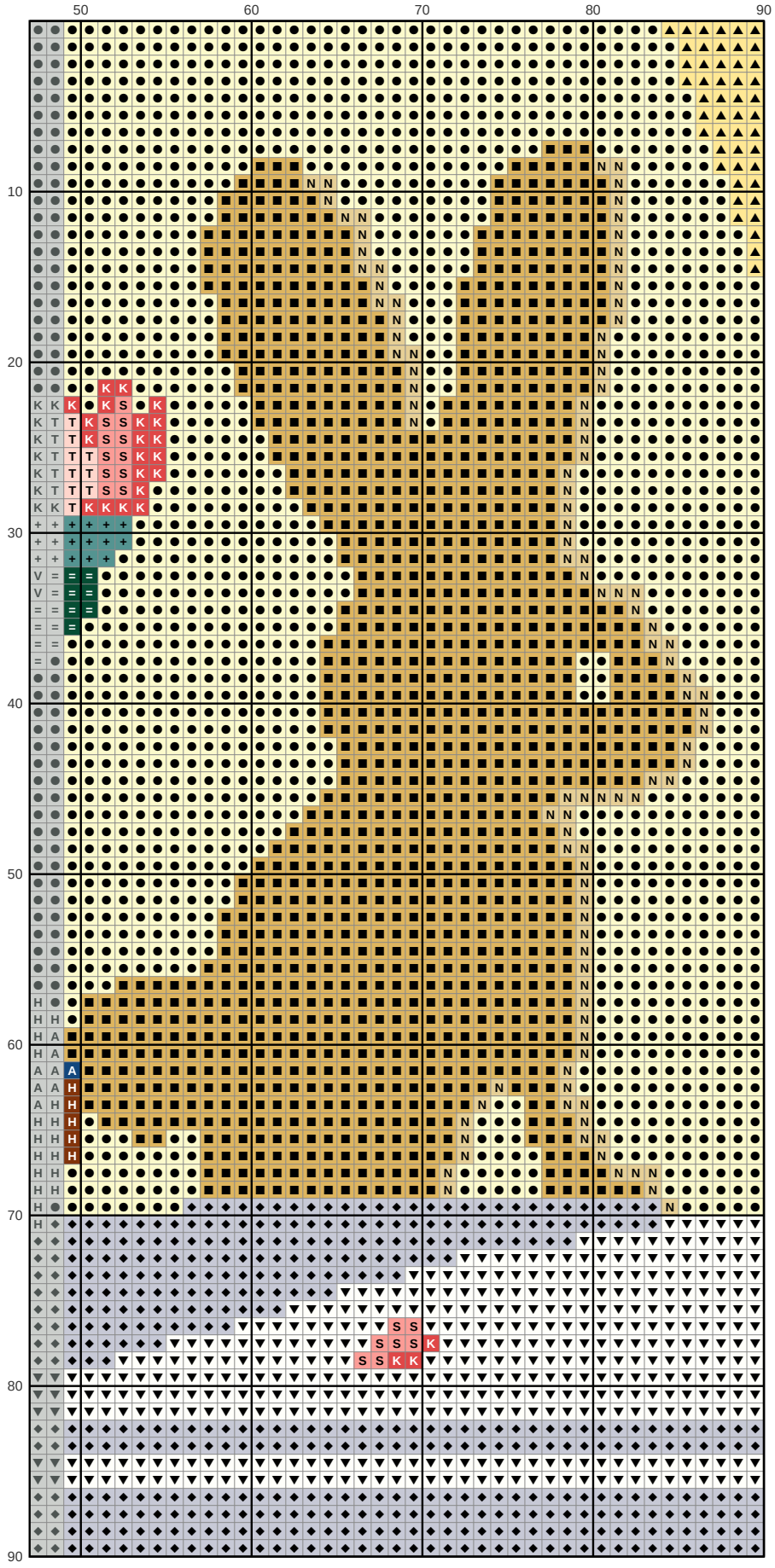
- ● **DMC 3078** Very Light Golden Yellow
- ▲ **DMC 744** Pale Yellow
- ◆ **DMC 159** Light Gray Blue
- ▼ **DMC BLANC** White
- ★ **DMC 722** Light Orange Spice
- ❖ **DMC 992** Light Aquamarine
- X **DMC 720** Dark Orange Spice
- H **DMC 918** Dark Red Copper
- \+ **DMC 3848** Medium Teal Green
- = **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- Z **DMC 964** Light Seagreen
- A **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- V **DMC 3847** Dark Teal Green
- T **DMC 353** Peach
- S **DMC 352** Light Coral
- K **DMC 350** Medium Coral

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Needlepoint pattern

Columns 50 to 90, rows 1 to 90. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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- ● **DMC 3078** Very Light Golden Yellow
- ■ **DMC 3820** Dark Straw
- ▲ **DMC 744** Pale Yellow
- ◆ **DMC 159** Light Gray Blue
- ▼ **DMC BLANC** White
- **H** **DMC 918** Dark Red Copper
- **+** **DMC 3848** Medium Teal Green
- **=** **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- **A** **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- **T** **DMC 353** Peach
- **N** **DMC 676** Light Old Gold
- **S** **DMC 352** Light Coral
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