Whimsical rockhopper penguin

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 809**	Delft Blue	2,287	16	2
■	**DMC 310**	Black	658	5	1
+	**DMC 825**	Dark Blue	530	4	1
=	**DMC 414**	Dark Steel Gray	469	4	1
❖	**DMC BLANC**	White	450	4	1
X	**DMC 3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	309	3	1
O	**DMC 415**	Pearl Gray	192	2	1
▲	**DMC 726**	Light Topaz	172	2	1
Z	**DMC 603**	Cranberry	38	1	1
▼	**DMC 740**	Tangerine	22	1	1
A	**DMC 602**	Medium Cranberry	22	1	1
★	**DMC 900**	Dark Burnt Orange	18	1	1
◆	**DMC 666**	Bright Red	17	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 14 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 13 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 13 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 45 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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