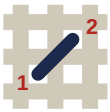
Whimsical sandpiper in yellow rain boots

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 738): 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
●	**519**	Sky Blue	1,852	2
■	**3761**	Light Sky Blue	551	1
▲	**518**	Light Wedgwood	508	1
◆	**3864**	Light Mocha Beige	389	1
▼	**BLANC**	White	369	1
★	**725**	Medium Light Topaz	266	1
❖	**3863**	Medium Mocha Beige	235	1
X	**434**	Light Brown	233	1
H	**839**	Dark Beige Brown	184	1
+	**738**	Very Light Tan	128	1
=	**3841**	Pale Baby Blue	124	1
Z	**782**	Dark Topaz	98	1
A	**3371**	Black Brown	94	1
V	**436**	Tan	92	1
T	**727**	Very Light Topaz	47	1
N	**402**	Very Light Mahogany	14	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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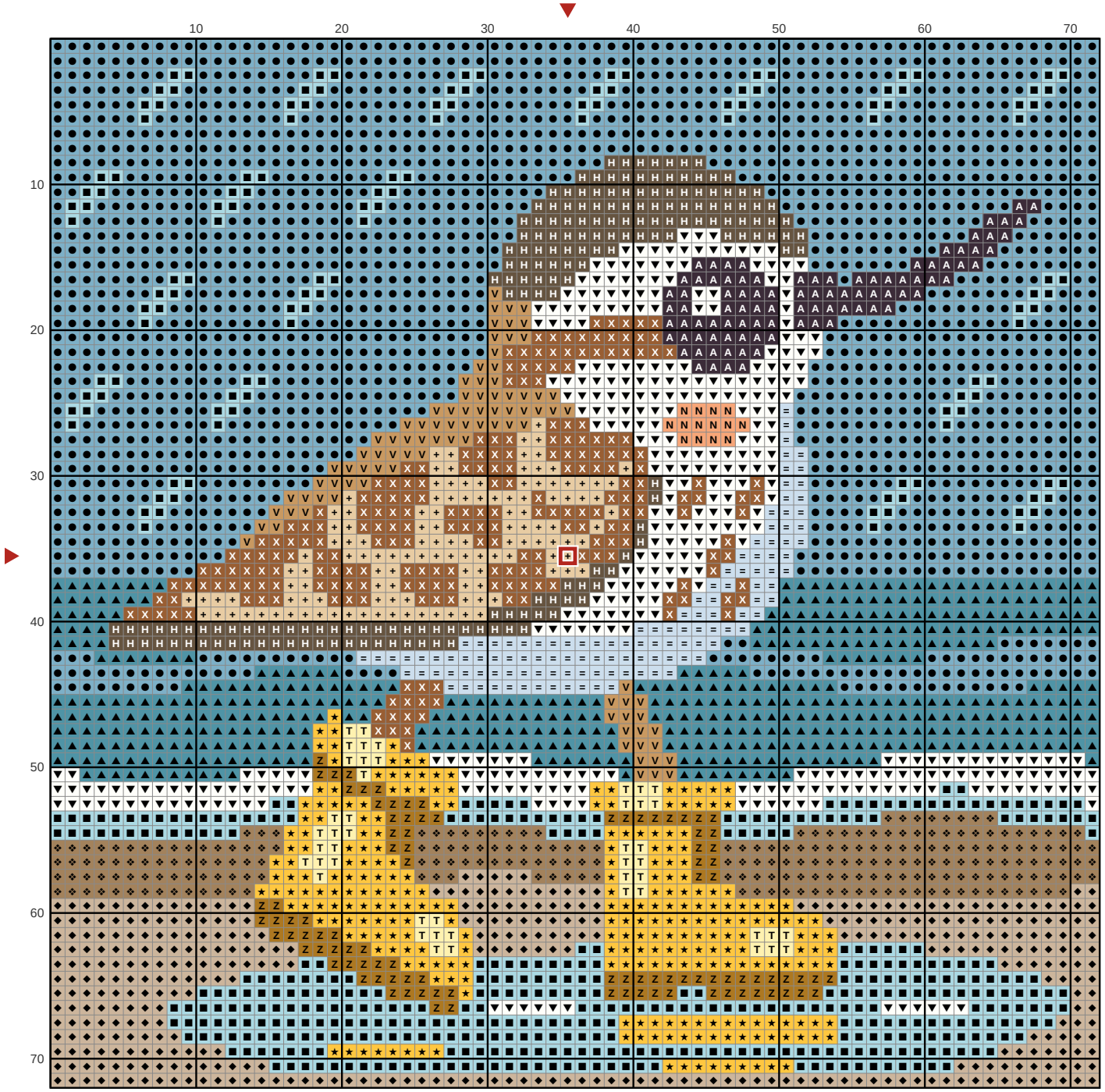
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 519** Sky Blue
- ■ **DMC 3761** Light Sky Blue
- ▲ **DMC 518** Light Wedgwood
- ◆ **DMC 3864** Light Mocha Beige
- ▼ **DMC BLANC** White
- ★ **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- ❖ **DMC 3863** Medium Mocha Beige
- X **DMC 434** Light Brown
- H **DMC 839** Dark Beige Brown
- \+ **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- = **DMC 3841** Pale Baby Blue
- Z **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- A **DMC 3371** Black Brown
- V **DMC 436** Tan
- T **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz
- N **DMC 402** Very Light Mahogany