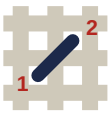
Whimsical snapdragon

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 726): 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 in DMC 550: 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, 13 colors, about 15 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
●	**550**	Very Dark Violet	3,191	3
▲	**702**	Kelly Green	403	1
★	**726**	Light Topaz	222	1
X	**602**	Medium Cranberry	215	1
▼	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	214	1
❖	**603**	Cranberry	214	1
H	**917**	Medium Plum	162	1
◆	**783**	Medium Topaz	137	1
A	**433**	Medium Brown	116	1
=	**700**	Bright Green	103	1
Z	**435**	Very Light Brown	94	1
+	**970**	Light Pumpkin	67	1
■	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	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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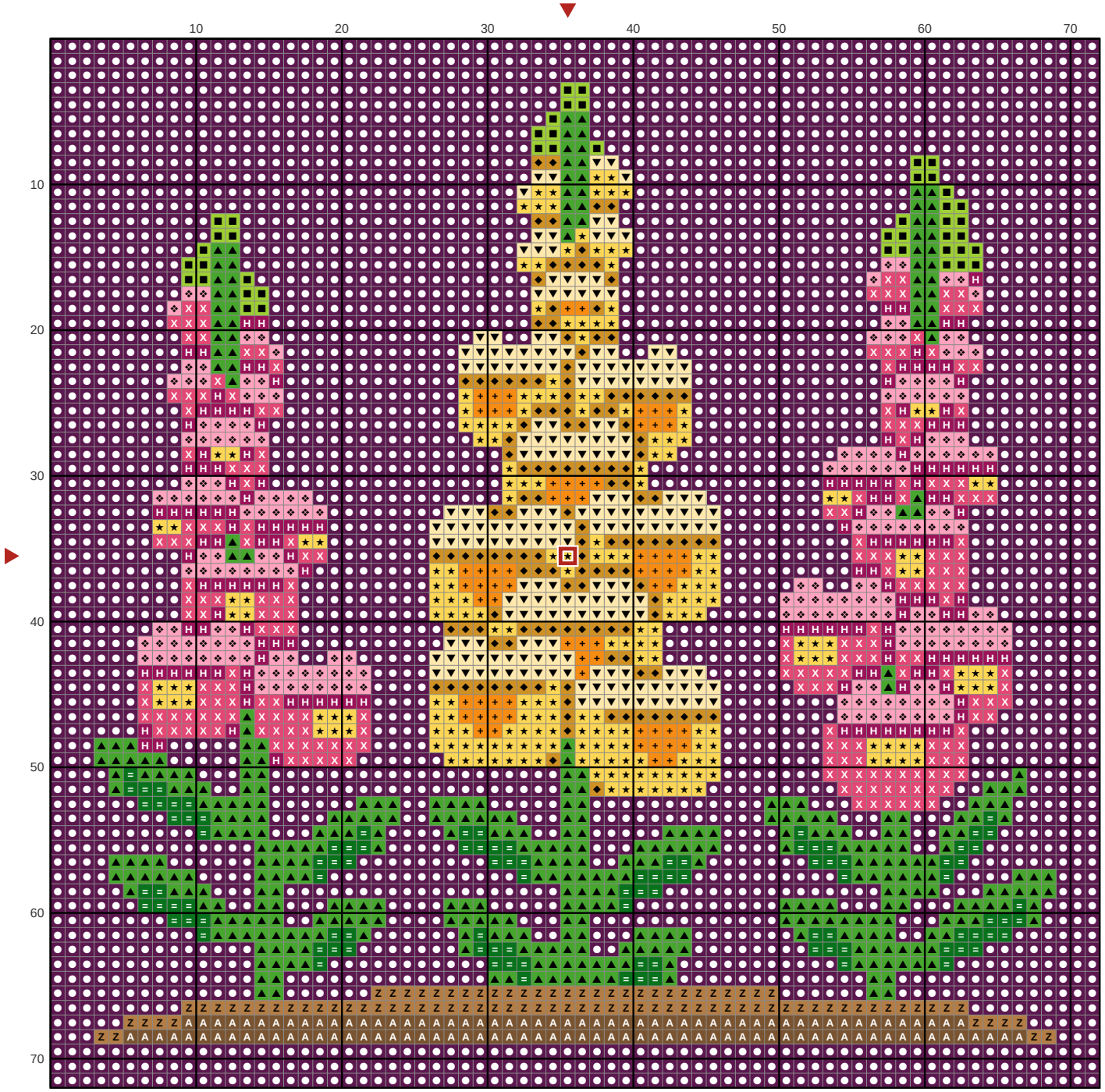
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- DMC 550 Very Dark Violet
- DMC 702 Kelly Green
- DMC 726 Light Topaz
- DMC 602 Medium Cranberry
- DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow
- DMC 603 Cranberry
- DMC 917 Medium Plum
- DMC 783 Medium Topaz
- DMC 433 Medium Brown
- DMC 700 Bright Green
- DMC 435 Very Light Brown
- DMC 970 Light Pumpkin
- DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse