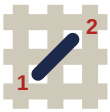
Whimsical orange spritz

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 350): 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
●	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	1,011	2
■	**3750**	Very Dark Antique Blue	977	1
▲	**712**	Cream	656	1
◆	**350**	Medium Coral	385	1
▼	**920**	Medium Copper	372	1
★	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	343	1
❖	**740**	Tangerine	318	1
X	**598**	Light Turquoise	300	1
H	**742**	Light Tangerine	156	1
+	**726**	Light Topaz	126	1
=	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	116	1
Z	**815**	Medium Garnet	97	1
A	**722**	Light Orange Spice	94	1
V	**498**	Dark Red	80	1
T	**900**	Dark Burnt Orange	78	1
N	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	75	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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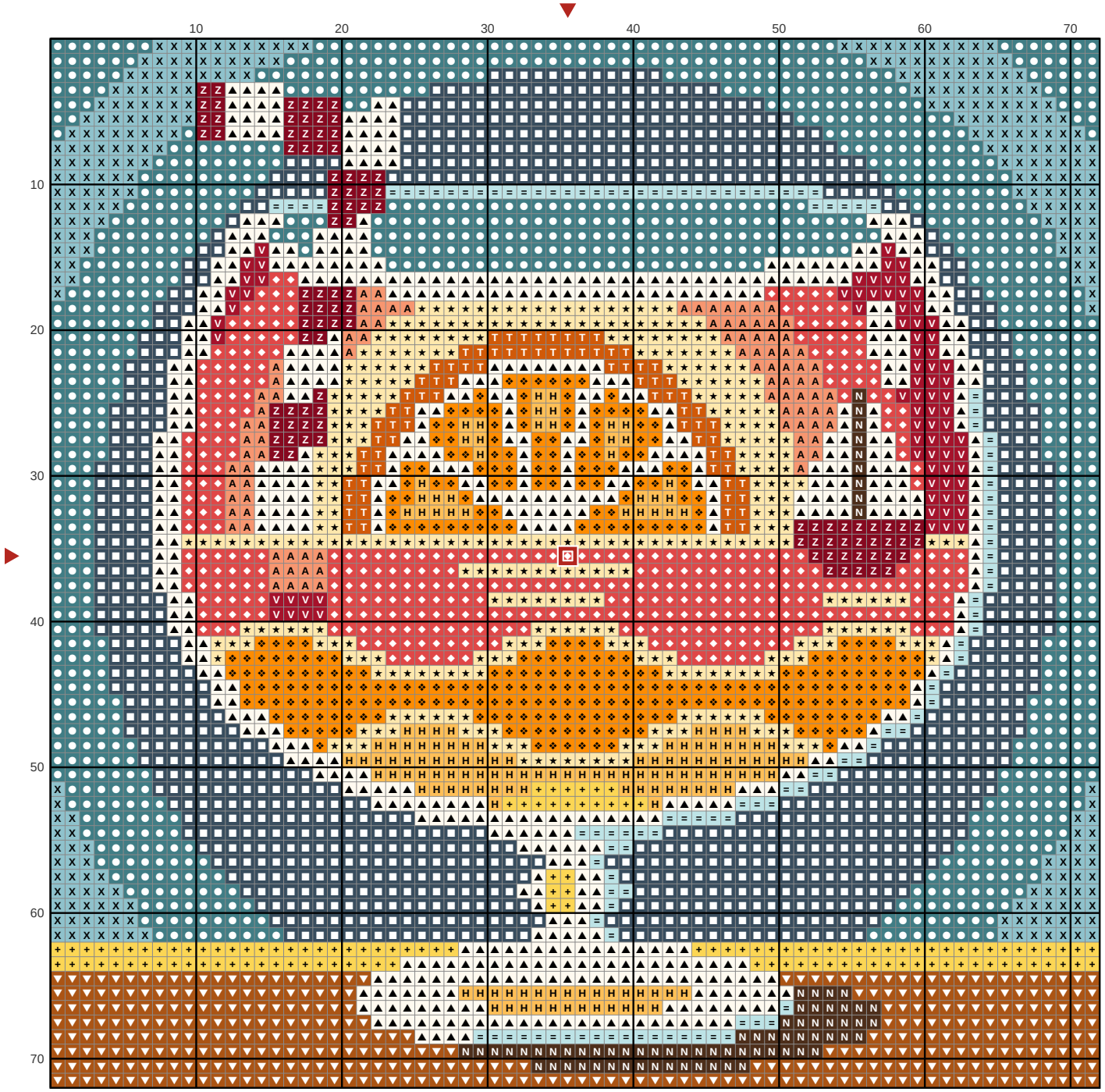
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 3750** Very Dark Antique Blue
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 740** Tangerine
- **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- **DMC 742** Light Tangerine
- **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
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