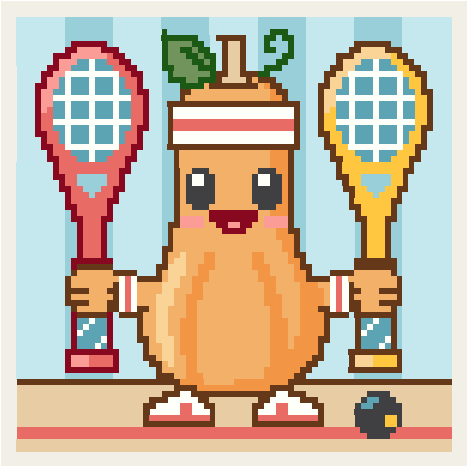
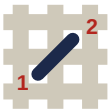
Whimsical squash racquets with a squash

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 815): 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.

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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
●	828	Ultra Very Light Sky Blue	1,404	2
■	3854	Medium Autumn Gold	641	1
▲	801	Dark Coffee Brown	544	1
◆	738	Very Light Tan	462	1
▼	3766	Light Peacock Blue	358	1
★	351	Coral	352	1
❖	BLANC	White	314	1
X	597	Turquoise	248	1
H	3853	Dark Autumn Gold	234	1
+	815	Medium Garnet	169	1
=	725	Medium Light Topaz	142	1
Z	3799	Very Dark Pewter Gray	98	1
A	3855	Light Autumn Gold	76	1
V	3345	Dark Hunter Green	62	1
T	352	Light Coral	52	1
N	3347	Medium Yellow Green	28	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.

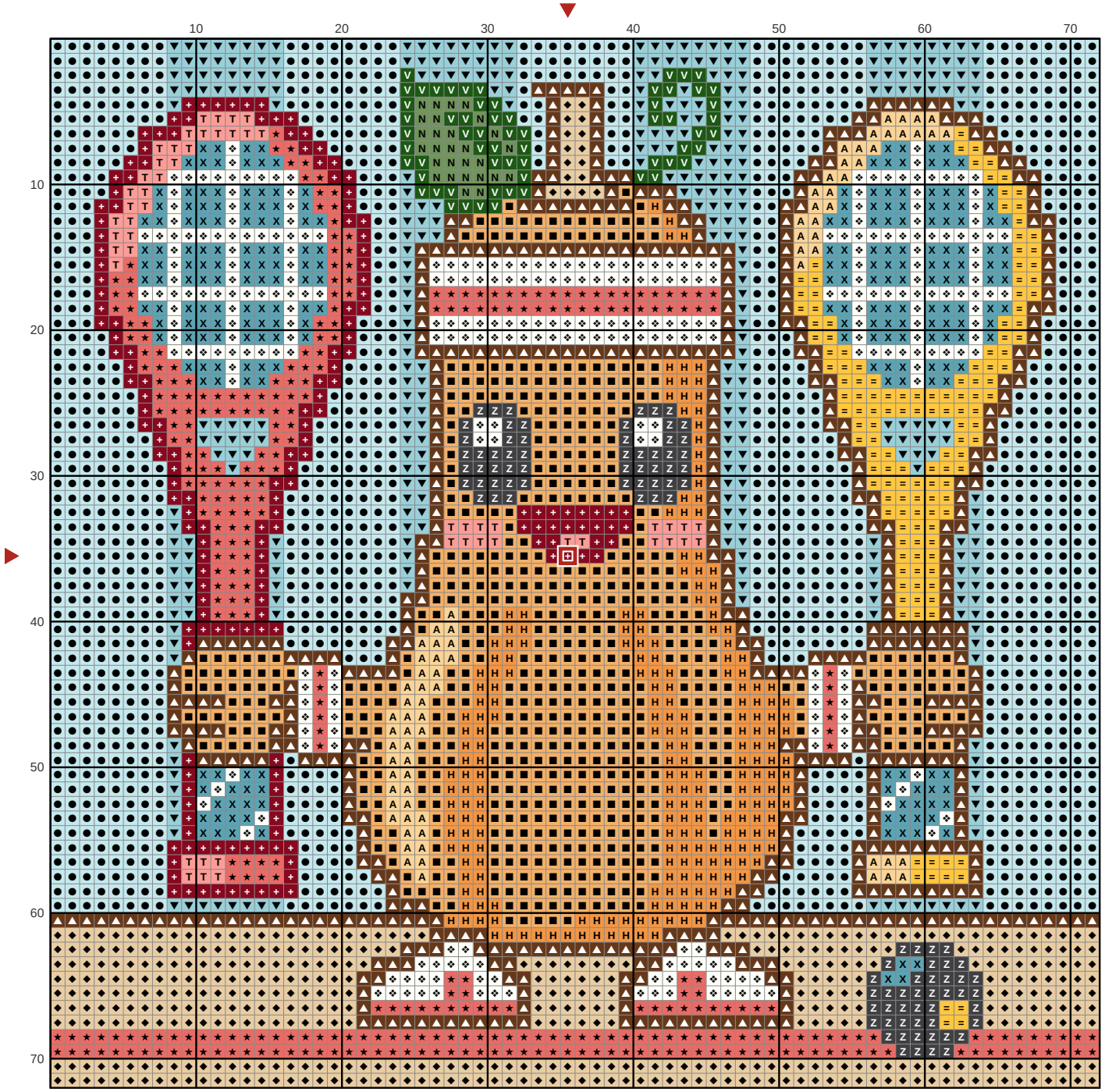
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Needlepoint pattern

Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- ● **DMC 828** Ultra Very Light Sky Blue
- ■ **DMC 3854** Medium Autumn Gold
- ▲ **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- ◆ **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- ▼ **DMC 3766** Light Peacock Blue
- ★ **DMC 351** Coral
- ❖ **DMC BLANC** White
- X **DMC 597** Turquoise
- H **DMC 3853** Dark Autumn Gold
- \+ **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- = **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- Z **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- A **DMC 3855** Light Autumn Gold
- V **DMC 3345** Dark Hunter Green
- T **DMC 352** Light Coral
- N **DMC 3347** Medium Yellow Green