Canada moose and canoe stocking

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 108 stitches | 4 x 6 in (10.2 x 15.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 14 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 500**	Very Dark Blue Green	791	6	1
■	**DMC 712**	Cream	786	6	1
▲	**DMC 312**	Very Dark Baby Blue	609	5	1
◆	**DMC 437**	Light Tan	484	4	1
▼	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	481	4	1
★	**DMC 434**	Light Brown	421	3	1
❖	**DMC 321**	Red	416	3	1
X	**DMC 3325**	Light Baby Blue	343	3	1
O	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	294	3	1
+	**DMC 801**	Dark Coffee Brown	259	2	1
=	**DMC 3371**	Black Brown	200	2	1
Z	**DMC 3822**	Light Straw	161	2	1
A	**DMC 738**	Very Light Tan	64	1	1
V	**DMC 3346**	Hunter Green	61	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 10 in (20.3 x 25.4 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,370 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 72 x 108 at its widest and tallest.
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 14 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 14 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 a stocking: also have backing and lining fabric, cord or piping, and a loop. Finishers ask for stockings months before Christmas, and most want two extra rows all round. Ask yours before the edge, and stitch a name first. "How to finish a stocking" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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