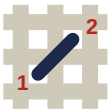
Whimsical sushi

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
●	**32**	Dark Blueberry	1,181	2
■	**154**	Very Dark Grape	642	1
▲	**B5200**	Snow White	531	1
◆	**744**	Pale Yellow	399	1
▼	**31**	Blueberry	371	1
★	**3747**	Very Light Blue Violet	329	1
❖	**30**	Medium Light Blueberry	265	1
X	**351**	Coral	264	1
H	**3827**	Pale Golden Brown	252	1
+	**434**	Light Brown	214	1
=	**436**	Tan	208	1
Z	**967**	Very Light Apricot	200	1
A	**562**	Medium Jade	120	1
V	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	84	1
T	**760**	Salmon	67	1
N	**350**	Medium Coral	57	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 32** Dark Blueberry
- **DMC 154** Very Dark Grape
- **DMC B5200** Snow White
- **DMC 744** Pale Yellow
- **DMC 31** Blueberry
- **DMC 3747** Very Light Blue Violet
- **DMC 30** Medium Light Blueberry
- **DMC 351** Coral
- **DMC 3827** Pale Golden Brown
- **DMC 434** Light Brown
- **DMC 436** Tan
- **DMC 967** Very Light Apricot
- **DMC 562** Medium Jade
- **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- **DMC 760** Salmon
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral