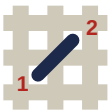
Whimsical taxi on a moonlit bridge

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 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 3823): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color. Empty squares stay bare.
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, 12 colors, about 13 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
●	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	1,117	2
■	**762**	Very Light Pearl Gray	513	1
▲	**333**	Very Dark Blue Violet	494	1
◆	**744**	Pale Yellow	446	1
▼	**336**	Navy Blue	429	1
★	**340**	Medium Blue Violet	385	1
❖	**3746**	Dark Blue Violet	214	1
X	**3747**	Very Light Blue Violet	146	1
H	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	118	1
+	**783**	Medium Topaz	89	1
=	**742**	Light Tangerine	61	1
Z	**341**	Light Blue Violet	48	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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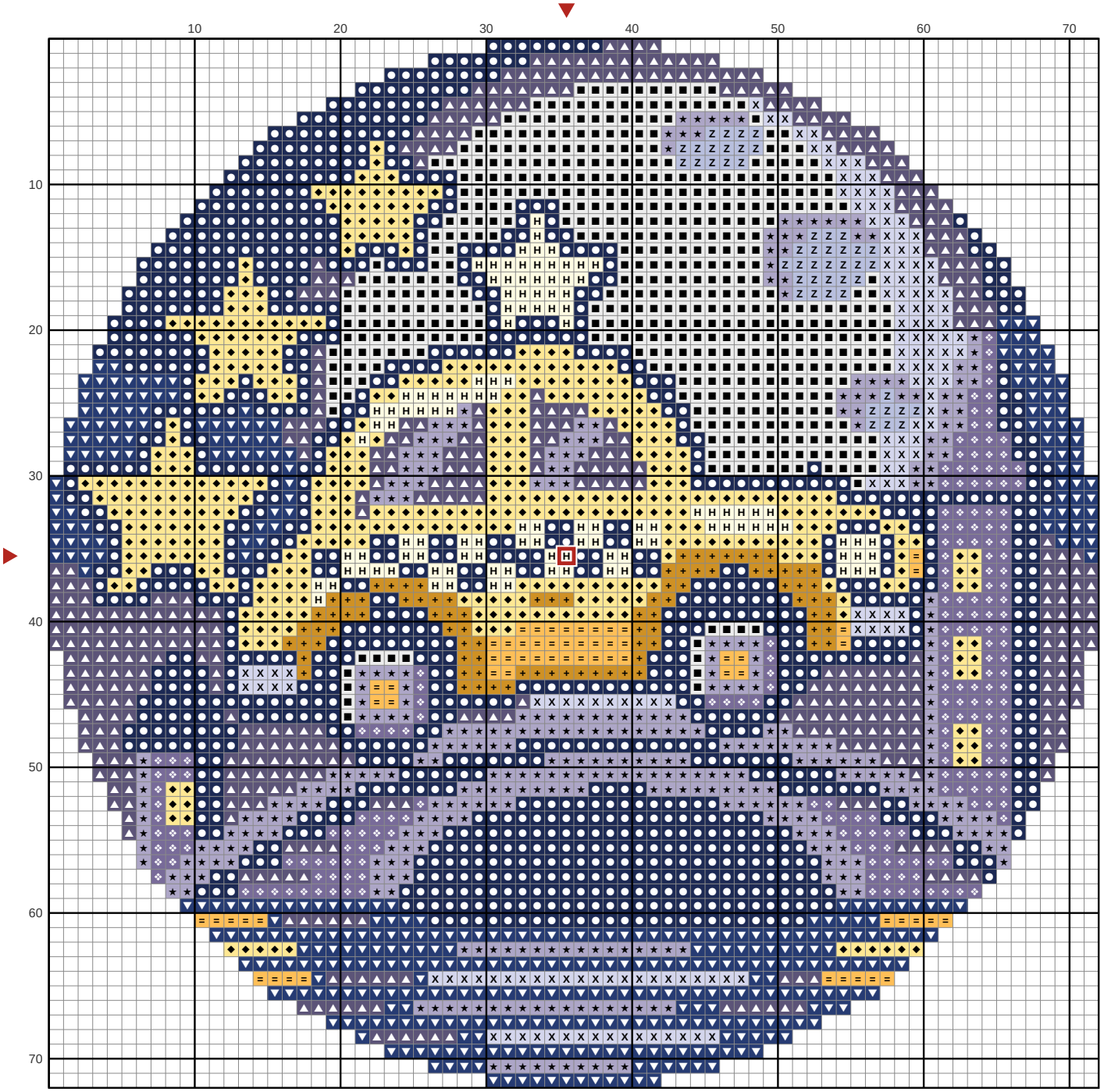
Needlepoint pattern

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



Key

- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 762** Very Light Pearl Gray
- **DMC 333** Very Dark Blue Violet
- **DMC 744** Pale Yellow
- **DMC 336** Navy Blue
- **DMC 340** Medium Blue Violet
- **DMC 3746** Dark Blue Violet
- **DMC 3747** Very Light Blue Violet
- **DMC 3823** Ultra Pale Yellow
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 742** Light Tangerine
- **DMC 341** Light Blue Violet