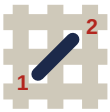
# Whimsical Halloween owl in a pumpkin

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 970): 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ● | **823** | Dark Navy Blue | 1,764 | 2 |
| ■ | **970** | Light Pumpkin | 579 | 1 |
| ▲ | **211** | Light Lavender | 475 | 1 |
| ◆ | **712** | Cream | 364 | 1 |
| ▼ | **743** | Medium Yellow | 351 | 1 |
| ★ | **209** | Dark Lavender | 326 | 1 |
| ❖ | **208** | Very Dark Lavender | 288 | 1 |
| X | **32** | Dark Blueberry | 262 | 1 |
| H | **900** | Dark Burnt Orange | 241 | 1 |
| + | **327** | Dark Violet | 154 | 1 |
| = | **704** | Bright Chartreuse | 97 | 1 |
| Z | **742** | Light Tangerine | 87 | 1 |
| A | **155** | Medium Dark Blue Violet | 80 | 1 |
| V | **905** | Dark Parrot Green | 57 | 1 |
| T | **352** | Light Coral | 30 | 1 |
| N | **918** | Dark Red Copper | 29 | 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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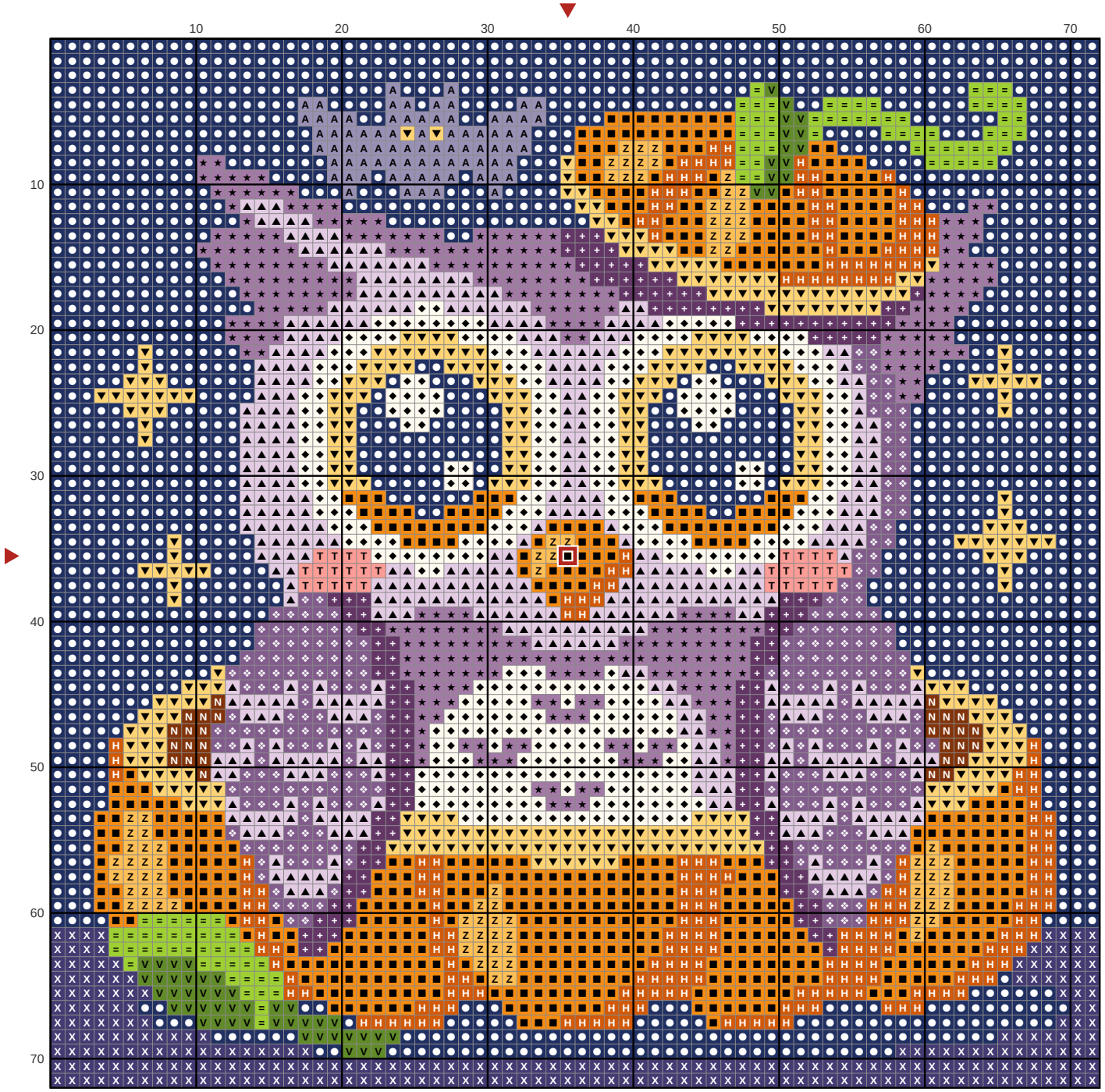
Needlepoint pattern

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




## Key

- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 970** Light Pumpkin
- **DMC 211** Light Lavender
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 743** Medium Yellow
- **DMC 209** Dark Lavender
- **DMC 208** Very Dark Lavender
- **DMC 32** Dark Blueberry
- **DMC 900** Dark Burnt Orange
- **DMC 327** Dark Violet
- **DMC 704** Bright Chartreuse
- **DMC 742** Light Tangerine
- **DMC 155** Medium Dark Blue Violet
- **DMC 905** Dark Parrot Green
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 918** Dark Red Copper