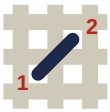
Whimsical watermelon slice moon

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 718): 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
●	798	Dark Delft Blue	1,350	2
■	797	Royal Blue	552	1
▲	895	Very Dark Hunter Green	475	1
◆	3855	Light Autumn Gold	386	1
▼	3706	Medium Melon	372	1
★	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	320	1
❖	920	Medium Copper	319	1
X	712	Cream	212	1
H	918	Dark Red Copper	184	1
+	369	Very Light Pistachio Green	182	1
=	976	Medium Golden Brown	172	1
Z	666	Bright Red	159	1
A	891	Dark Carnation	157	1
V	702	Kelly Green	155	1
T	3835	Medium Grape	147	1
N	718	Plum	42	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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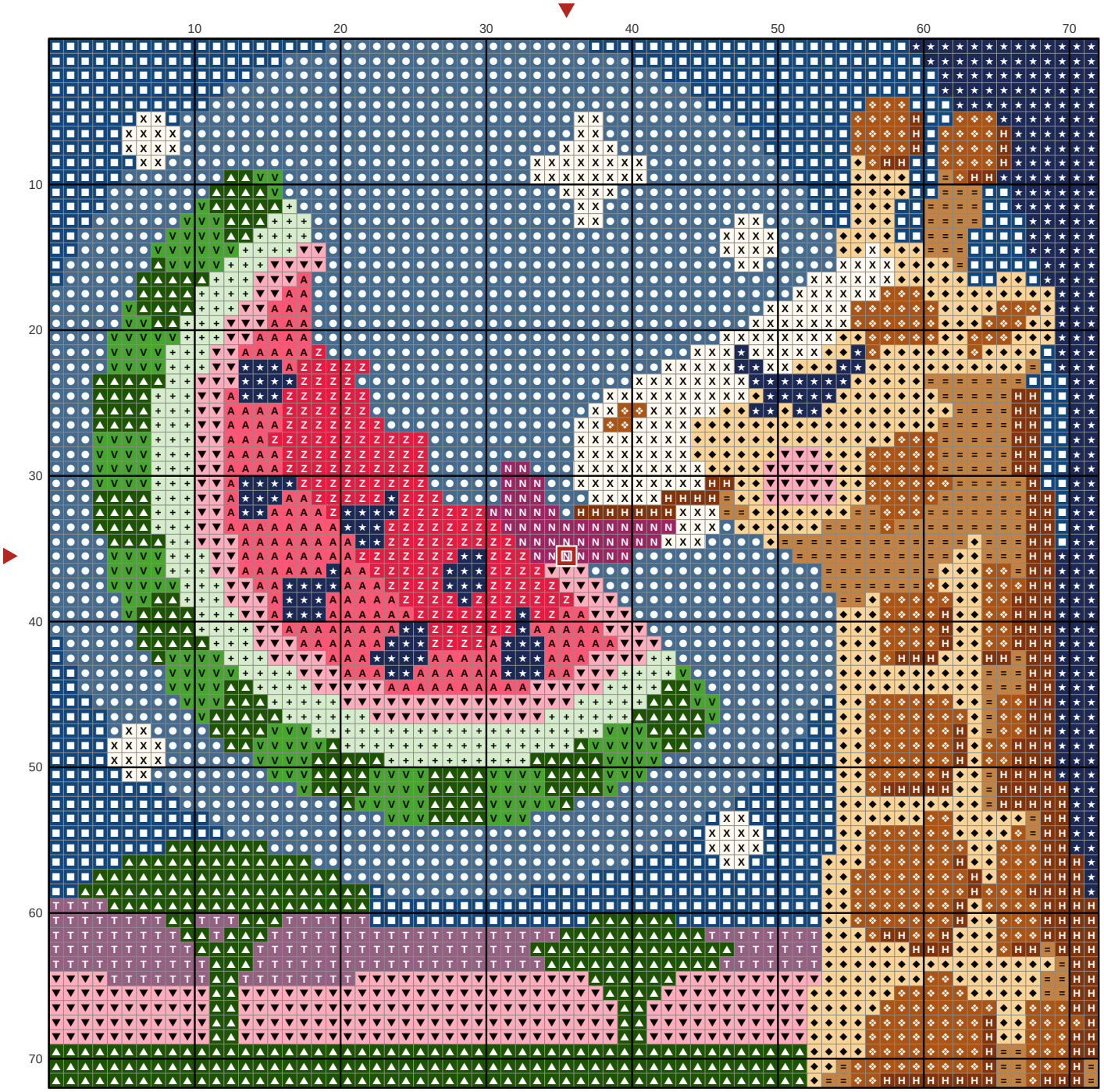
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- **DMC 798** Dark Delft Blue
- **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- **DMC 895** Very Dark Hunter Green
- **DMC 3855** Light Autumn Gold
- **DMC 3706** Medium Melon
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 918** Dark Red Copper
- **DMC 369** Very Light Pistachio Green
- **DMC 976** Medium Golden Brown
- **DMC 666** Bright Red
- **DMC 891** Dark Carnation
- **DMC 702** Kelly Green
- **DMC 3835** Medium Grape
- **DMC 718** Plum