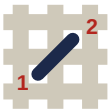
Whimsical whale spouting stars

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 3849): 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
●	**550**	Very Dark Violet	1,081	2
■	**3834**	Dark Grape	447	1
▲	**402**	Very Light Mahogany	443	1
◆	**3848**	Medium Teal Green	432	1
▼	**3849**	Light Teal Green	390	1
★	**964**	Light Seagreen	348	1
❖	**3354**	Light Dusty Rose	309	1
X	**747**	Very Light Sky Blue	285	1
H	**963**	Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	273	1
+	**3835**	Medium Grape	262	1
=	**712**	Cream	225	1
Z	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	224	1
A	**726**	Light Topaz	165	1
V	**3733**	Dusty Rose	155	1
T	**738**	Very Light Tan	103	1
N	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	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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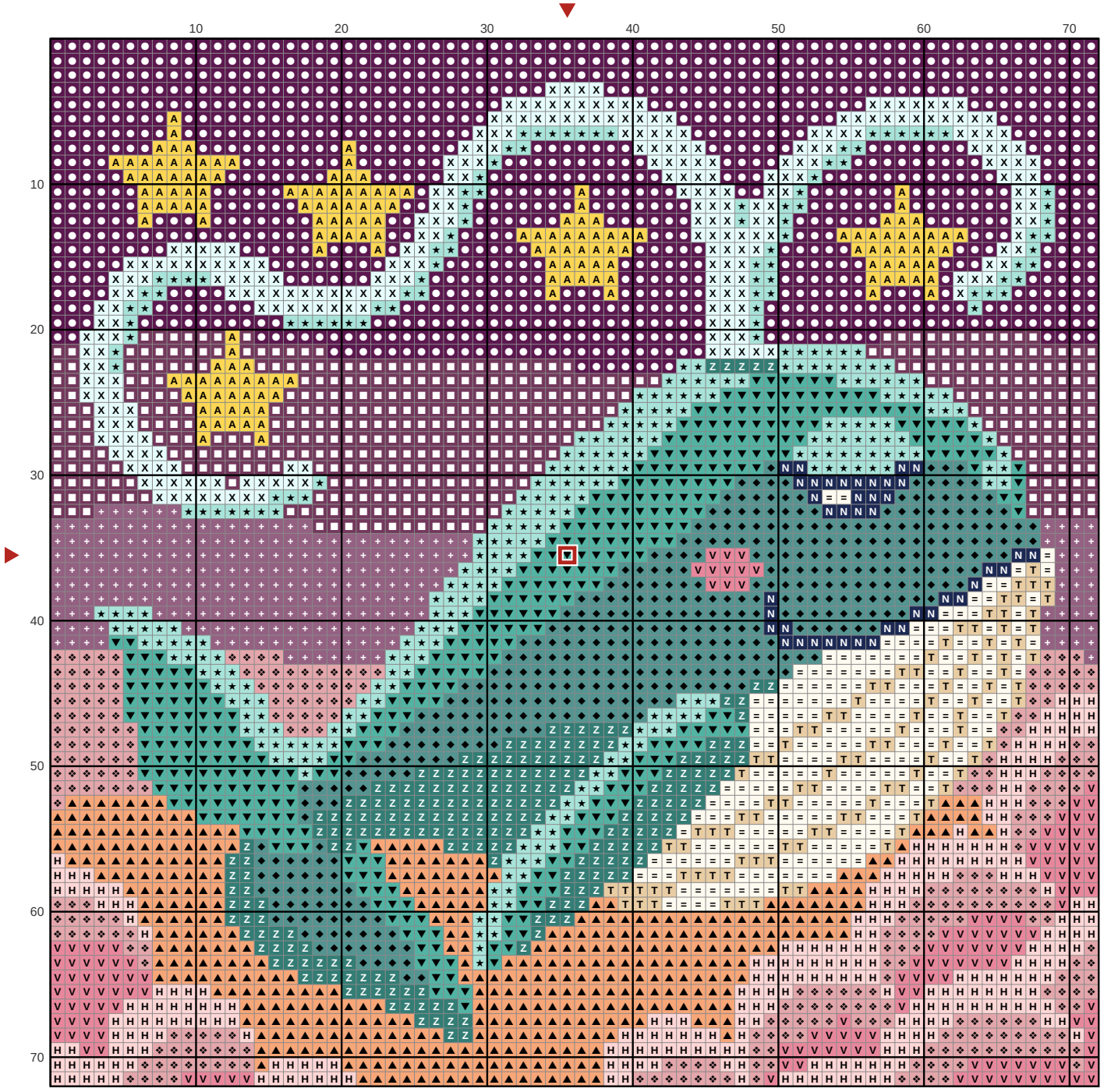
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

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- **DMC 3848** Medium Teal Green
- **DMC 3849** Light Teal Green
- **DMC 964** Light Seagreen
- **DMC 3354** Light Dusty Rose
- **DMC 747** Very Light Sky Blue
- **DMC 963** Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose
- **DMC 3835** Medium Grape
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 3847** Dark Teal Green
- **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- **DMC 3733** Dusty Rose
- **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue