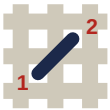
Zigzag Easter egg ornament

Needlepoint pattern | 54 x 72 stitches | 3 x 4 in (7.6 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 5 colors



How to stitch it



1. Each square is one tent stitch: up at 1, down at 2. Work a row right to left, then turn the canvas upside down for the next.
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 27, row 36 (DMC 955): 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.

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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 7.5 in wide x 8.5 in high (19.1 x 21.6 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 5 colors, about 5 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it an egg: board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. How to finish an egg.

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
▼	**DMC 813**	Light Blue	607	1
◆	**DMC 955**	Light Nile Green	601	1
▲	**DMC 745**	Light Pale Yellow	599	1
●	**DMC 351**	Coral	574	1
■	**DMC 3854**	Medium Autumn Gold	569	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: 54 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline

