Puff the Snowman

A free mini needlepoint ornament chart from Tofu Labs



53 x 53 stitches · 9 DMC colors · 2,209 stitches

18 mesh: 2.9 x 2.9 in · 13 mesh: 4.1 x 4.1 in

A Tofu Labs needlepoint chart

Designed and drawn stitch by stitch by Tofu Labs. Merry stitching!

Hello, stitcher!



Puff is a round little snowman in a green bobble hat and a candy-red scarf, on soft sage with snowy dots. He's our free mini ornament: 53 stitches across, about 3 inches on 18 mesh, so you can finish him in a few cozy evenings and still have time to stitch one for a friend.

What's inside

- Thread list with DMC numbers, stitch counts and skeins for 18 and 13 mesh
- The whole design on one chart page, with a symbol in every colored square (background squares have no symbol: you stitch them in the background color)
- Canvas guides at actual size for 18 mesh and 13 mesh, to paint or trace your own canvas
- How to work tent stitch, and how to finish it as a hanging ornament

Sizes and supplies

Canvas mesh	Finished size	Cut your canvas	Floss strands	Skeins in all
18 mesh (designed for)	2.9 x 2.9 in (7.5 x 7.5 cm)	7 x 7 in	8 strands	9 skeins
13 mesh	4.1 x 4.1 in (10.4 x 10.4 cm)	9 x 9 in	12 strands	11 skeins

You'll need: a 7 x 7 in piece of 18 mesh canvas (or 9 x 9 in of 13 mesh for a bigger ornament), a size 22 tapestry needle (20 for 13 mesh), DMC floss from the thread list, plus felt, card and cording for finishing.

Puff's friends: the Tofu & Friends ornament set



Tofu · Biscuit · Cocoa · Cottage · Penguin · Reindeer

This chart is free for your own stitching, and the ornaments you make are yours to gift or sell. Sharing? Please send the link (tofuplay.pages.dev/free) instead of the file. Thank you!

Thread list

DMC six-strand embroidery floss (1 skein = 8.7 yd). Amounts include a little extra for starting and ending threads.

Color	Sym	DMC	Name	Stitches	18 mesh	13 mesh
	(empty)	**989**	Forest Green	667	1 sk (6 yd)	2 sk (12 yd)
♥	♥	**321**	Red	595	1 sk (5 yd)	2 sk (10 yd)
○	○	**B5200**	Snow White	447	1 sk (4 yd)	1 sk (8 yd)
■	■	**3371**	Black Brown	247	1 sk (2 yd)	1 sk (4 yd)
♣	♣	**699**	Green	200	1 sk (2 yd)	1 sk (3 yd)
✚	✚	**815**	Garnet Medium	27	1 sk (1 yd)	1 sk (1 yd)
R	**R**	**3326**	Rose Light	12	1 sk (1 yd)	1 sk (1 yd)
◐	◐	**741**	Tangerine Medium	9	1 sk (1 yd)	1 sk (1 yd)
L	**L**	**703**	Chartreuse	5	1 sk (1 yd)	1 sk (1 yd)
			9 colors	**2,209**	**9 skeins**	**11 skeins**

Squares with no symbol are the background: DMC 989 Forest Green. Gray squares are bare canvas: no stitch there.

Prefer wool or Perle cotton? Any needlepoint shop can match these DMC numbers. On 13 mesh most stitchers use 12 strands of floss, 2 plies of Persian wool, or Perle #3; on 18 mesh 8 strands of floss, 1 ply of Persian wool, or Perle #5.

The whole design



53 x 53 stitches. The chart on the next page shows the same design, square by square, with a symbol for each color.

The chart

columns 1-53, rows 1-53 · bold line every 10 stitches · red arrows mark the center

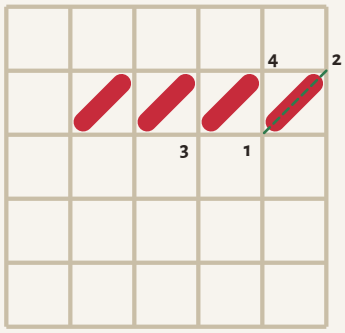


989 · 321 · B5200 · 3371 · 699 · 815 · R 3326 · 741 · L 703

gray: bare canvas, no stitch

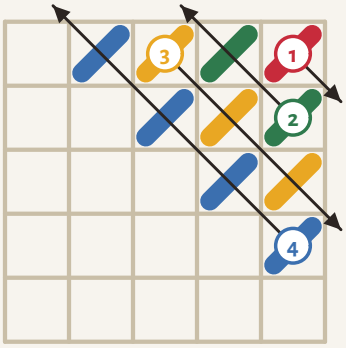
How to stitch it

Needlepoint uses one little slanted stitch, the tent stitch, worked on stiff canvas. Every square on the chart is one tent stitch over one crossing of the canvas threads. All your stitches slant the same way: from bottom left to top right.



Continental (rows)

Come up at 1, go down at 2, come up at 3 one hole to the left. Work right to left, turn your canvas around for the next row. Best for outlines, faces, letters and single lines.



Basketweave (diagonals)

The same little stitch, worked in diagonal rows from the top right corner: down row 1, back up row 2, down row 3, and so on. It hardly pulls the canvas out of shape and covers the back well, so use it for big areas like the background.

Getting your design onto the canvas

Option 1, stitch from the chart. Mark the center of your canvas, find the center arrows on the chart and count out from there. Most stitchers start with the outlines and faces, then fill the background.

Option 2, paint your canvas first. Print the canvas guide at actual size, tape your canvas over it on a bright window or light box, and paint each colored area with acrylic or canvas paint (let it dry fully). Then stitch the colors you painted and keep the chart next to you for small details.

Thread length. Cut about 18 in at a time; longer threads fray and twist. Start with a waste knot on top a few inches away, and end by weaving under 5 or 6 stitches on the back.

Tension. Pull just snug so the thread covers the canvas without pinching it. If your floss looks thin, add a strand; if it is bunching, take one away.

Turning it into an ornament

1. Block it. Dampen the finished piece, pin it flat and round on a board and let it dry overnight.

2. Trim. Cut around the circle leaving 1/2 in of bare canvas. Clip little notches into the margin every 1/2 in so it turns smoothly.

3. Back it. Cut a circle of stiff card or plastic canvas the size of the design and a circle of felt the same size for the back. Fold the canvas margin to the back over the card and glue or lace it in place.

4. Cord and hanger. Glue or whip-stitch cording around the edge, starting and ending at the top with a loop of ribbon for hanging. Glue the felt on the back to cover everything.

5. Make it a gift. Write the year and a name on the felt with a fabric pen. A stitched ornament lasts for years.

Rather not finish it yourself? Many needlepoint shops offer ornament finishing for a fee: take this page along.

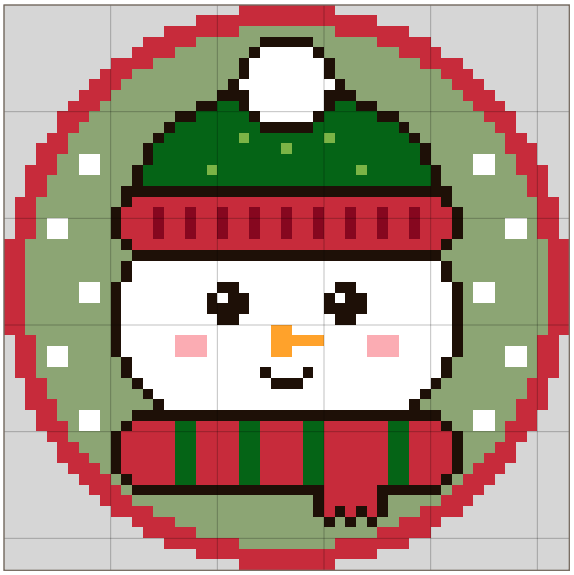


Questions? We're happy to help.

Send us a message on Etsy (Tofu Labs). We'd love to see your finished piece too!

Canvas guide, 18 mesh, actual size

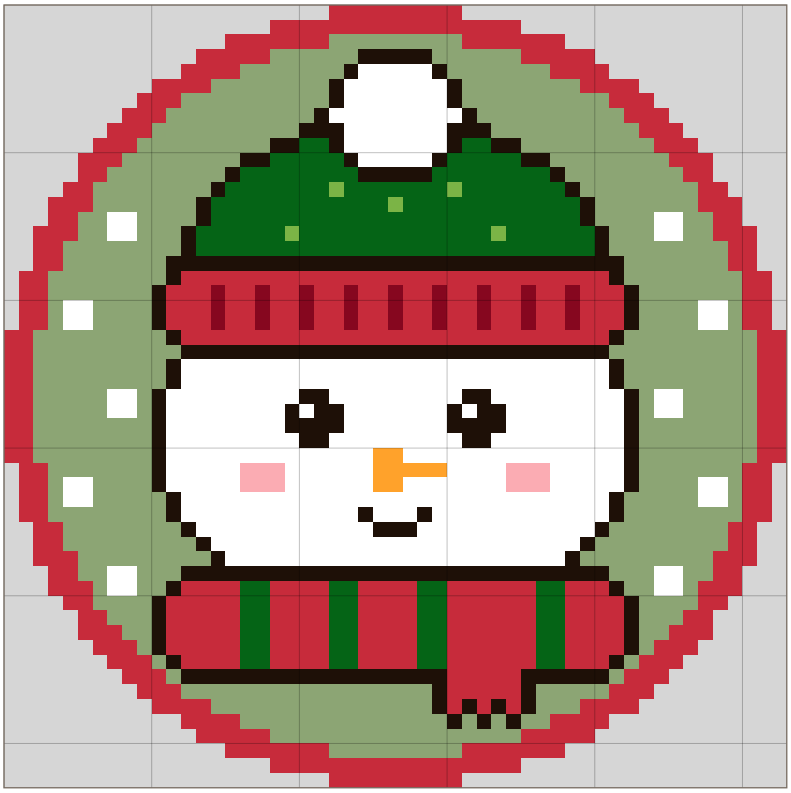
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1 inch

Canvas guide, 13 mesh, actual size

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Puff the Snowman · columns 1-53, rows 1-53 · faint lines every 10 stitches

1 inch

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Tofu in a Santa Hat



Biscuit in a Cozy Scarf



Cocoa Mug with Marshmallows



Gingerbread Cottage



Penguin in Earmuffs



Reindeer with a Holly Crown

Tofu in a Santa hat, Biscuit the ginger cat, a smiling cocoa mug, a gingerbread cottage, a penguin in earmuffs and a reindeer with a holly crown. Each one is 77 stitches across (4.3 in on 18 mesh), a bigger project than Puff, and comes with its own thread list, a full-color chart in parts, a canvas guide and finishing steps (US Letter pages).

Get all six ornament charts on Etsy

etsy.com/shop/TofuLabs · questions? send us a message there.

Merry stitching!