

United Tabletopper

Materials needed to stitch the tabletopper

Fabric: 9 square Patriotic Anne Cloth tabletopper from Zweigart

Size: Stitch count 171 x 171, approximately 22 x 22 inches

Needles: #22 tapestry needle, #24 tapestry needle

Thread needed to complete this project:

Some colors require more than one skein. The amount needed is shown in parenthesis.

Symbol	Where Used	Color
DMC size 5 pearl cotton		
／	flag stripes	321 ready red (2)
✕	flag field	336 patriotic blue (2)
□	arrows	436 tarnished gold
○	dove	648 peaceful gray
■	words	939 mighty blue
✕	USA border	3024 founders gray

DMC size 12 pearl cotton Blanc / white
for the Nun stitched edge



denotes the woven border in the Anne Cloth fabric

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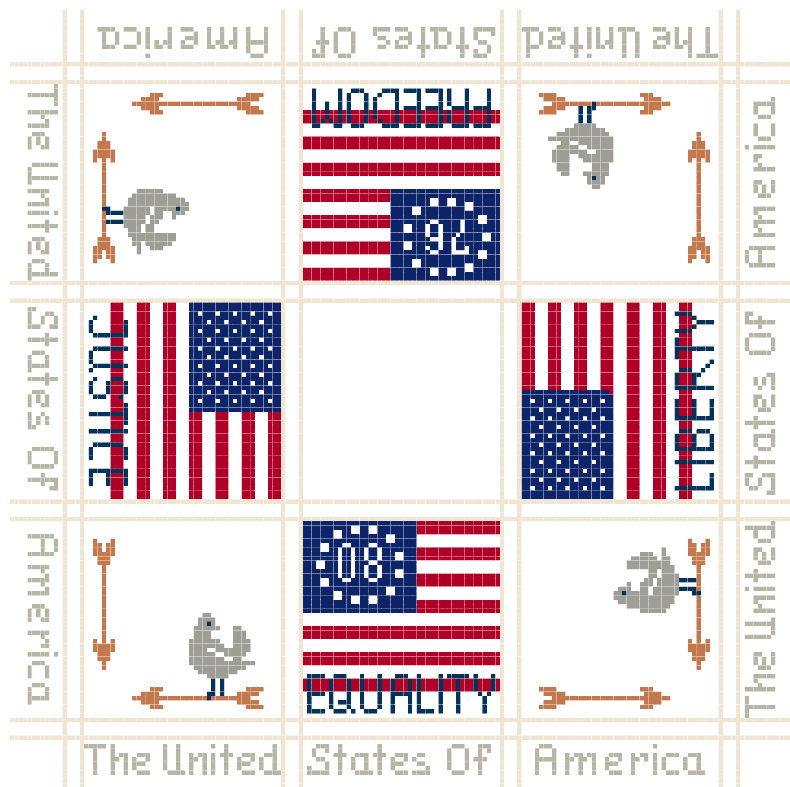
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Please check with your local needlework store for the supplies needed to stitch this tabletopper, or you can contact Dutch Treat Designs.

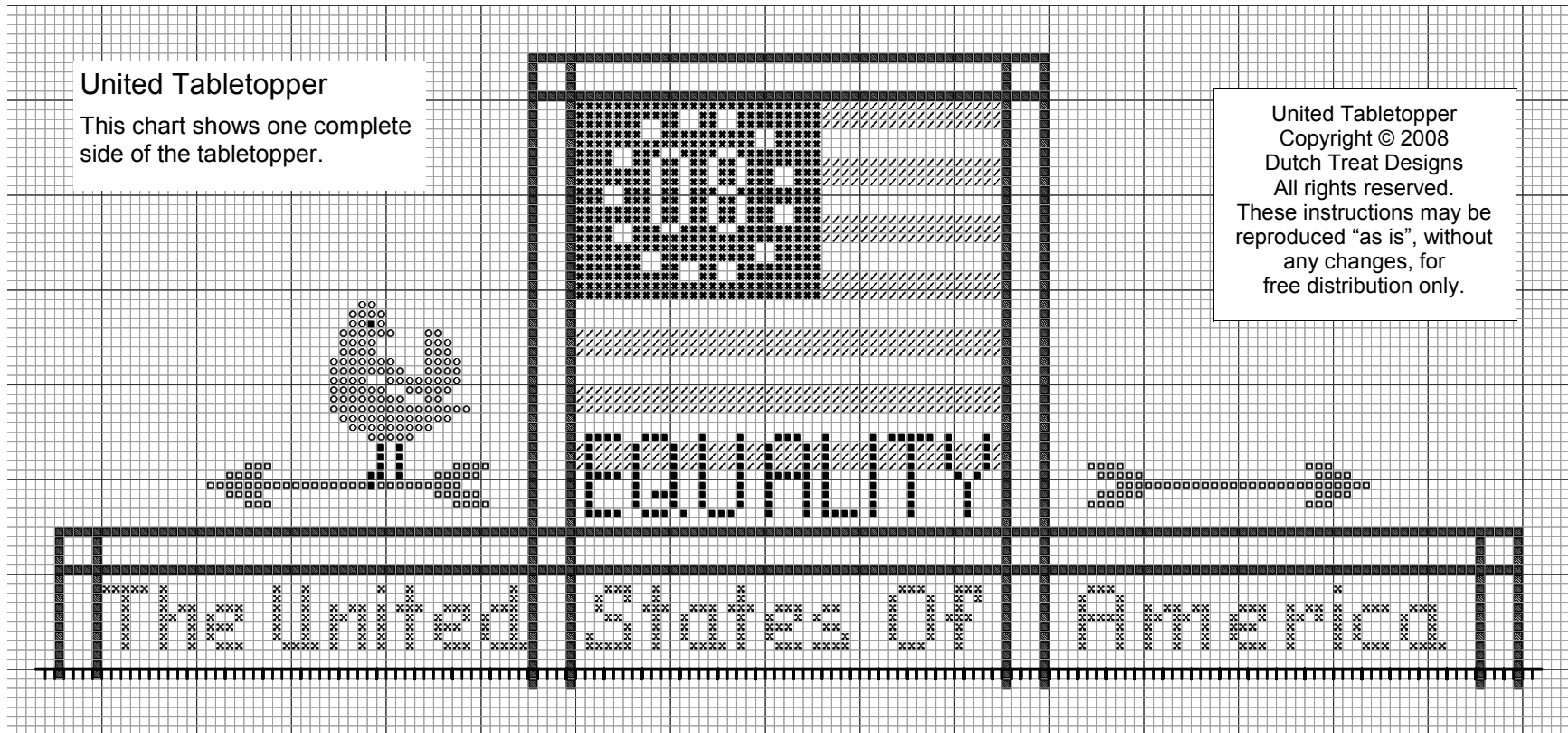
This tabletopper is stitched over two threads using one strand of size 5 pearl cotton with a #22 tapestry needle. The fabric is a 9 square tabletopper of 18 count Anne Cloth by Zweigart. This design is intended to be stitched on Anne Cloth fabric and may not work as well on other even-weave fabrics.

The pattern charts are graphed so that each box represents two threads. The stitch diagrams are graphed over one thread. This design uses Cross stitch and Nun stitch.

Start the design placement for each square and border by counting from between the woven border edge and the first thread. Each square in the Anne Cloth will allow 45 x 45 "over two" stitches from the woven border edge. Stitch on the side of the Anne Cloth where the woven borders are solid.



You can view the completed tabletopper on our website at <http://www.dutchtreat.com>.



Left Corner Square

Repeat the same pattern on each side.

Middle Square

Stitch a different flag on each side.

Right Corner Square

Repeat the same pattern on each side.

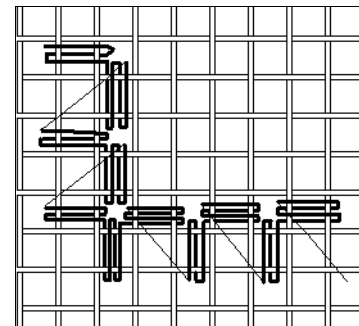
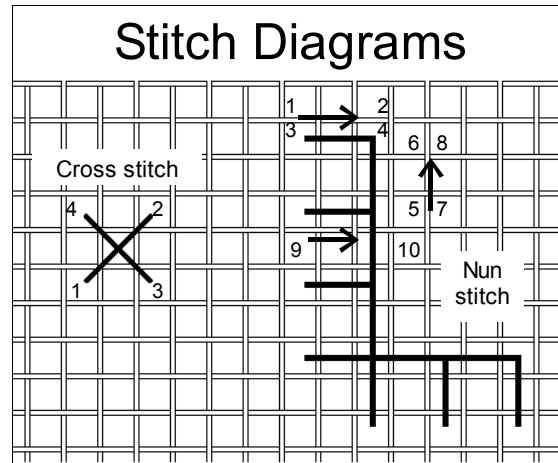
The easy way to stitch the tabletopper

Stitch the tabletopper by sides. Start by stitching the arrow and the dove in the Left Corner square. Next stitch a flag in the middle square. Continue across and stitch the arrow in the Right Corner square. Lastly, stitch the words "United States of America" below the bottom woven border across all three squares on the side. Then turn the piece 1/4 turn and continue. You will see your stitches crossed in the same direction as you complete each side, but your stitches will not technically cross all in the same direction when looking at the entire finished piece. I believe that a tabletopper stitched by sides does not take away from the quality of the needlework. If you stitch your tabletopper this way you will have fun and enjoy the piece.

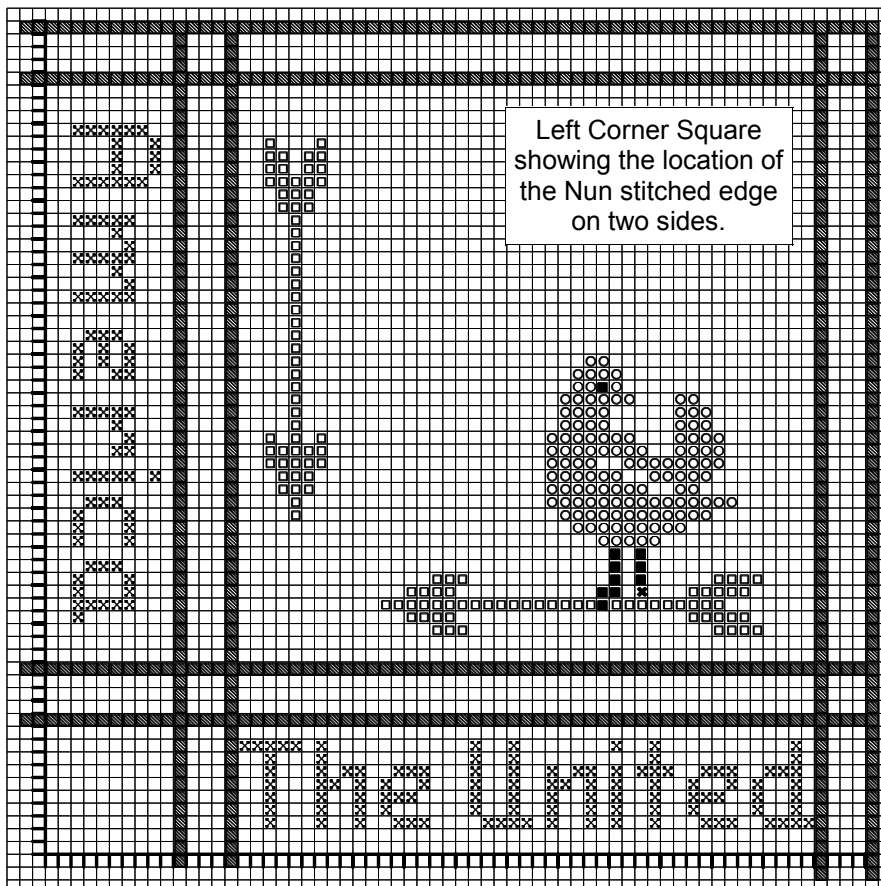
Nun Stitched Edge

The Nun stitch is a finishing stitch that, when completed, will keep your piece from unraveling. It is a pulled stitch done using one strand of size 12 pearl cotton with a #24 tapestry needle. The Nun stitch looks like a backward "C". It is an "over two" stitch. See the stitch diagram for instruction and the pattern chart for placement. **The arrows on the stitch diagram are for stitch direction only.**

Begin by pulling out the seventh thread beyond the "United States" bottom border. This will leave four threads between the border and the inside edge of your Nun stitch. This "ditch", the vacant thread track, will mark the outer boundary for your Nun stitch. Begin stitching on the upper left side with the front of the tabletopper facing you. Bring your thread up in the "ditch" to start. When you reach the woven borders of the Anne Cloth, treat them as if they are two fat threads. When you arrive at the corner, turn the fabric one quarter turn clockwise and continue. The back of the "C" now becomes the top of the "C" on the new side.



The Nun stitch as it looks on the fabric.

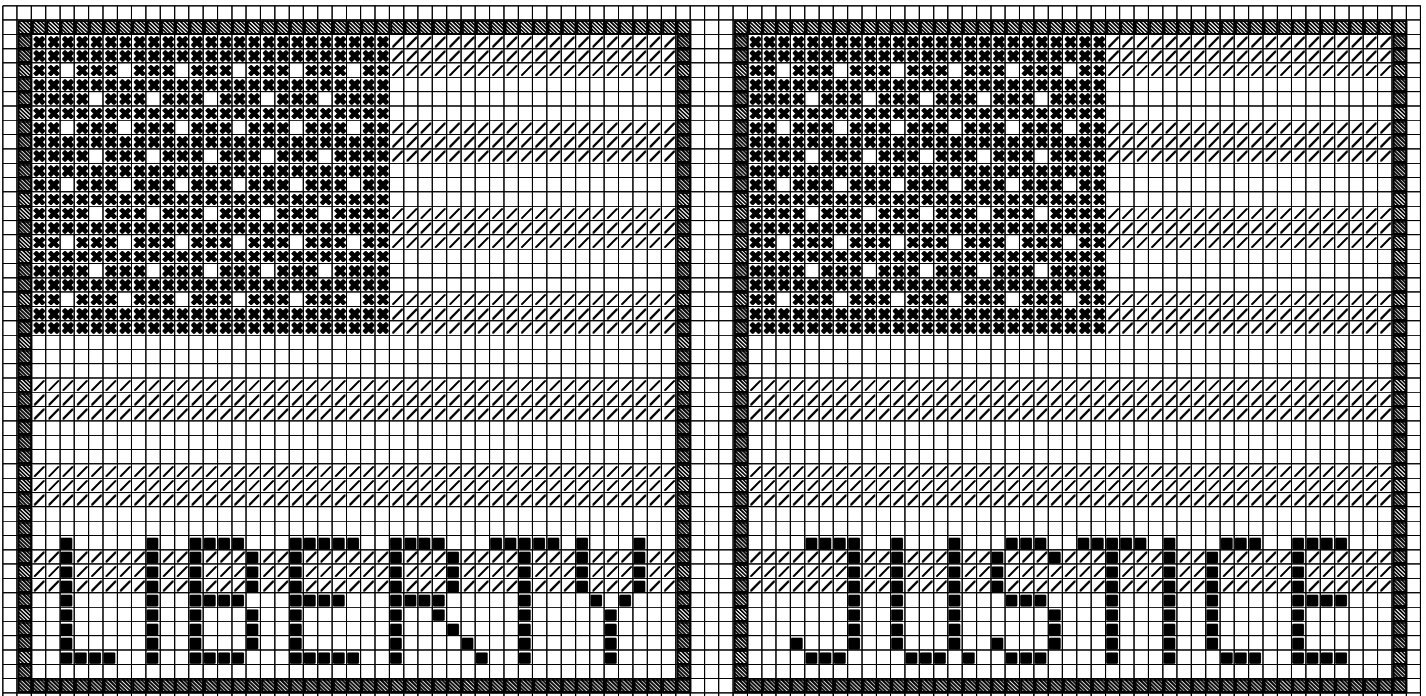


Fringing the Tabletopper

Pull out the 10th thread on the outside of the finished Nun stitched edge. Use this as a cutting guide to even up the fabric so that all four edges will be the same width. Fringe by pulling out the long threads parallel to the Nun stitched edge.

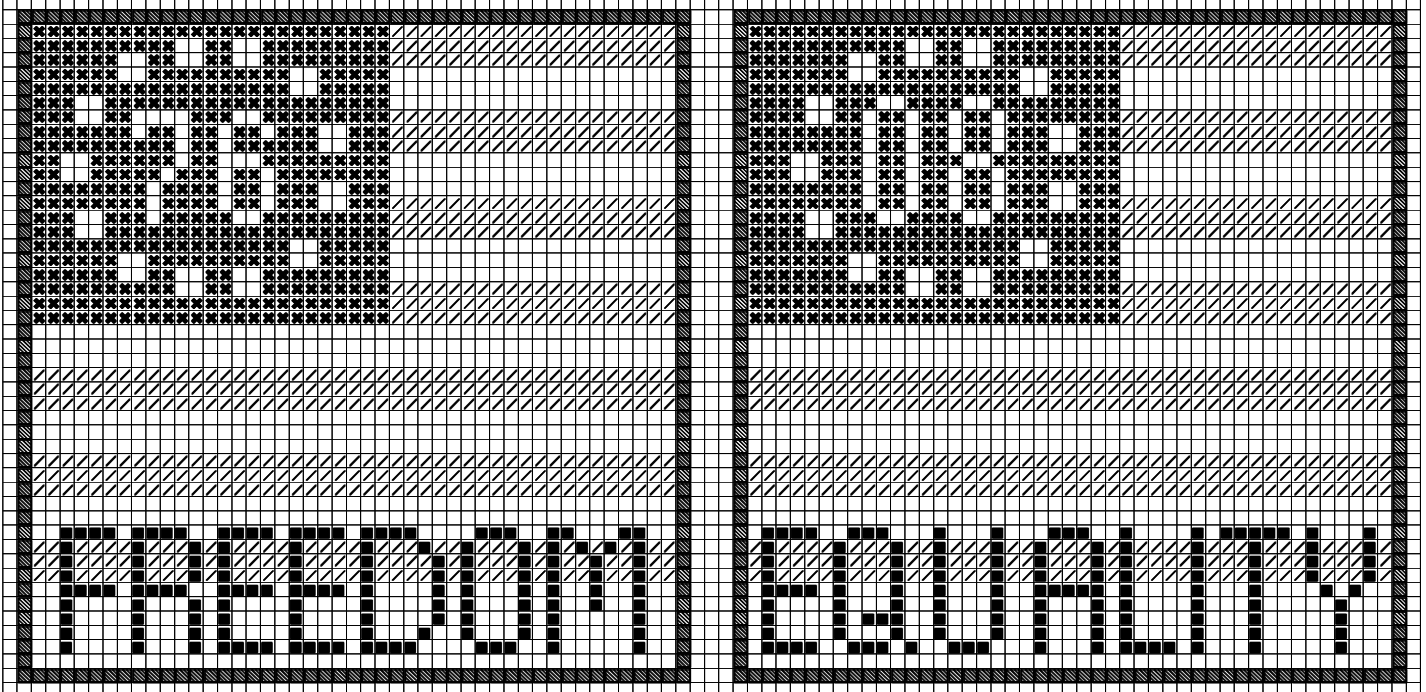
To keep your completed tabletopper looking it's best - machine wash, damp iron, and dry flat.

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The Flags

We stitched a different flag on each side of the tabletopper. See the full tabletopper pattern chart or the picture of the completed tabletopper on our website for placement.



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