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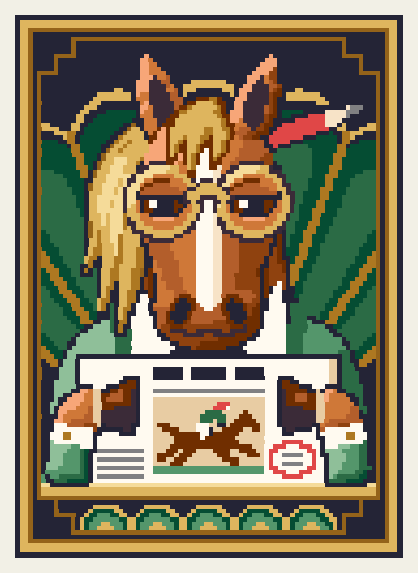
Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 126 stitches | 5 x 7 in (12.7 x 17.8 cm) on 18 mesh | 20 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**310**	Black	3,004	21	3
■	**3820**	Dark Straw	1,664	12	2
▲	**712**	Cream	1,040	8	1
◆	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	881	7	1
▼	**561**	Very Dark Jade	862	6	1
★	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	726	5	1
❖	**300**	Very Dark Mahogany	426	3	1
X	**782**	Dark Topaz	343	3	1
O	**3371**	Black Brown	330	3	1
+	**3776**	Light Mahogany	307	3	1
=	**301**	Medium Mahogany	302	3	1
Z	**738**	Very Light Tan	294	3	1
A	**562**	Medium Jade	257	2	1
V	**3822**	Light Straw	188	2	1
T	**400**	Dark Mahogany	185	2	1
N	**563**	Light Jade	146	1	1
S	**402**	Very Light Mahogany	135	1	1
K	**350**	Medium Coral	99	1	1
E	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	87	1	1
C	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	64	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 9 x 11 in (22.9 x 27.9 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

11,340 stitches in all. Start from the center: a red arrow above the chart marks the center column, and one to the left of it the center row. The arrows are on the pages those lines cross.

The chart is on 2 pages, each cut to what is stitched: bare canvas has no page, and a join falls on plain ground where it can. Pages 2 and 3 are turned on their side, for a part that is wider than it is tall. Where chart pages join, gray squares repeat two rows. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 23 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 20 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 20 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 88 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Fit it into a lid: also have the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first and add a row or two of background to sit under its edge. "How to fit it into a lid" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 1 to 64

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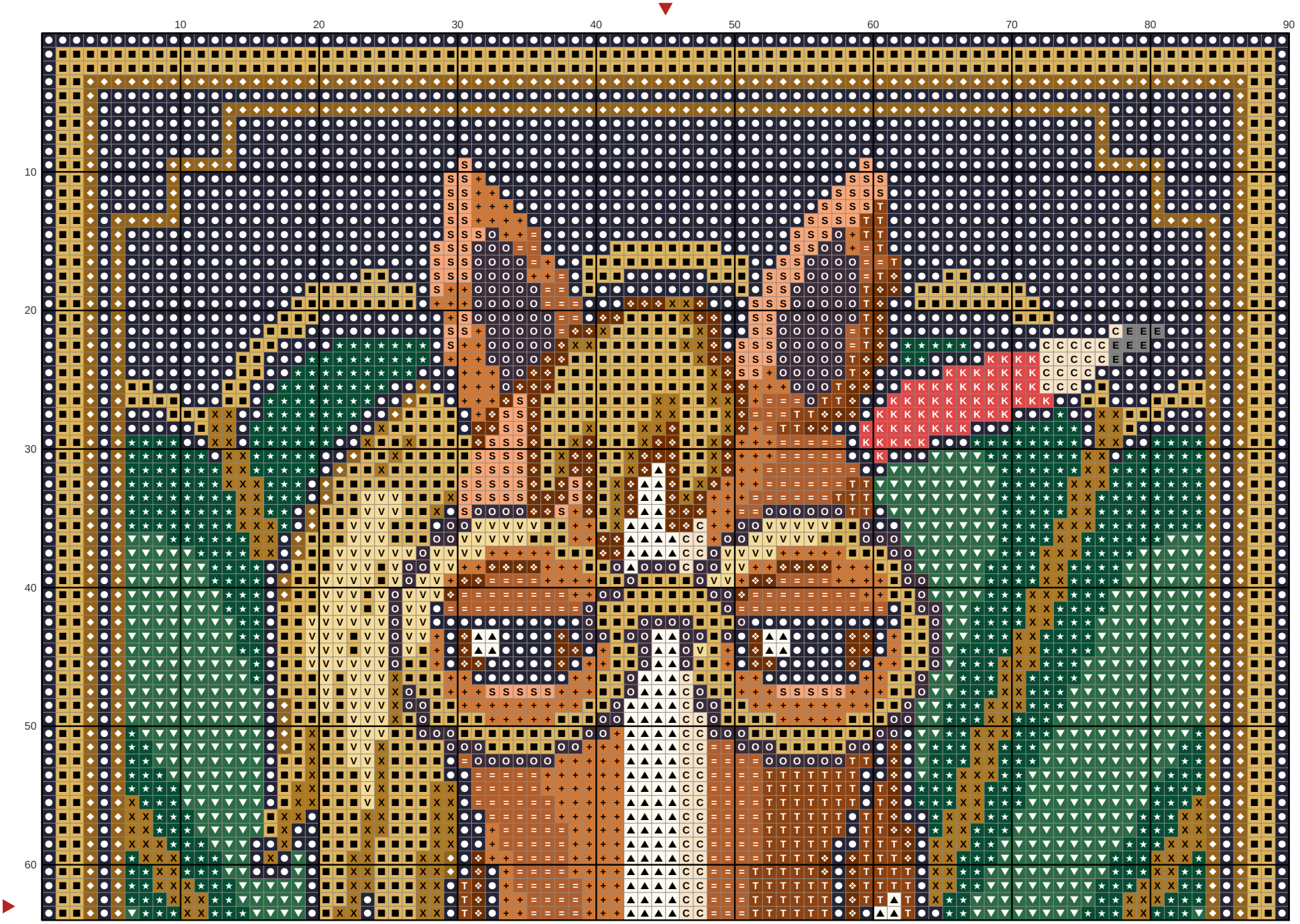

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 65 to 126; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

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