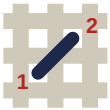
Swallows and stars cummerbund

Needlepoint pattern | 288 x 90 stitches | 16 x 5 in (40.6 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 colors



How to read the chart



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2: basketweave for the background, continental for lines.
2. Bind the edges. 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 on page 3 (DMC 797): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Picture first, then border, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. A heavier line stands every ten squares: count by them.
6. When it is done, block it square.

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You will need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 20 x 9 in (50.8 x 22.9 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 strands in the needle (5 or 6 if canvas shows), about 30 skeins in all (an estimate).

Make it a cummerbund: a finisher who makes cummerbunds. Measure the waist, and ask for the length and the extra rows before you stitch the ends.
What to make: to wear and carry.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	11,326	9
■	336	Navy Blue	3,848	4
▲	775	Very Light Baby Blue	2,016	2
◆	797	Royal Blue	1,653	2
▼	3820	Dark Straw	1,440	2
★	322	Dark Baby Blue	1,088	1
❖	813	Light Blue	1,070	1
X	995	Dark Electric Blue	957	1
O	782	Dark Topaz	827	1
+	712	Cream	447	1
=	745	Light Pale Yellow	437	1
Z	803	Ultra Very Dark Baby Blue	362	1
A	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	216	1
V	350	Medium Coral	184	1
T	318	Light Steel Gray	40	1
N	310	Black	9	1

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.
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.
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Chart 1 of 4: columns 1 to 72, rows 1 to 90

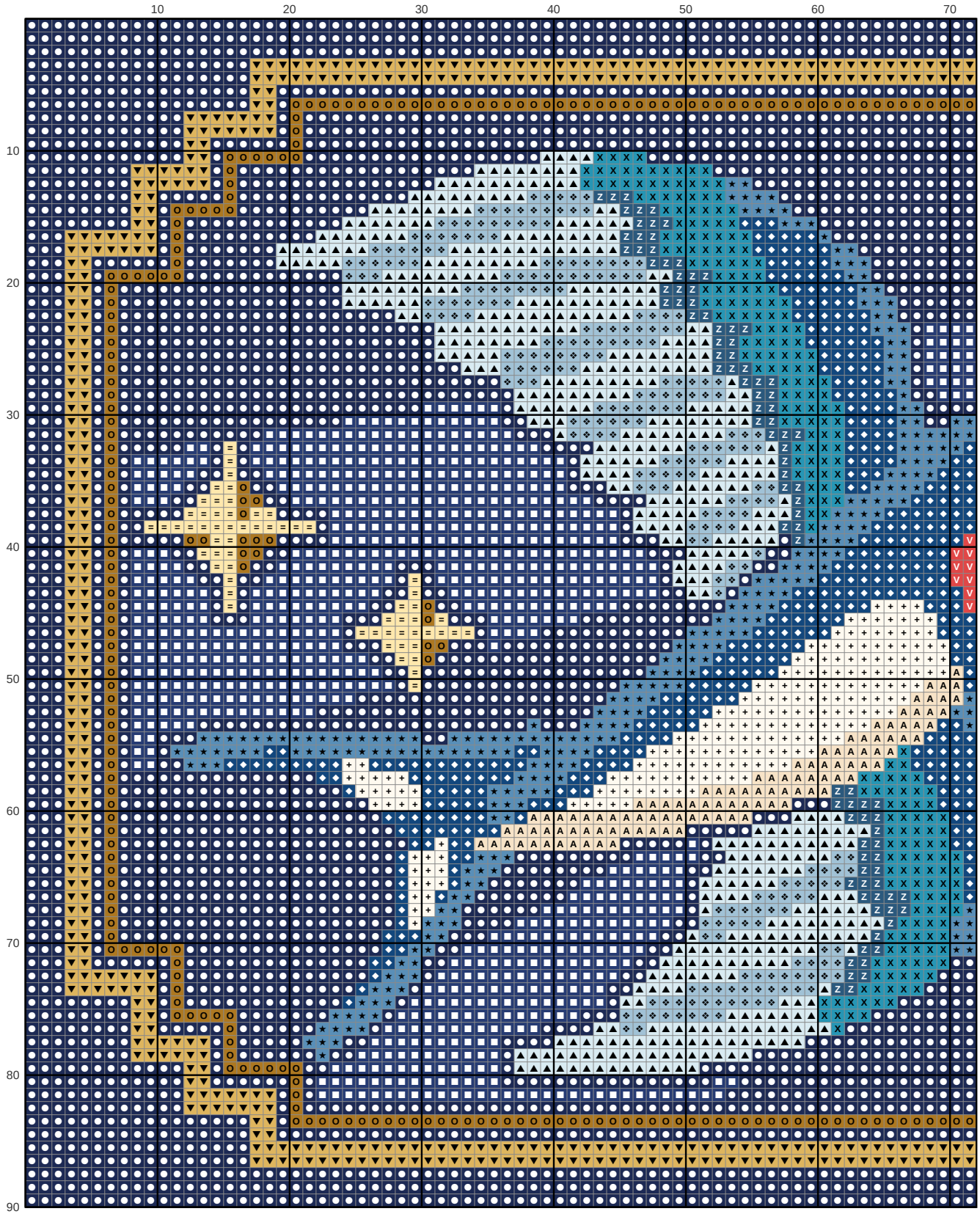

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Chart 2 of 4: columns 73 to 144, rows 1 to 90. Start at the red outline. Gray squares repeat columns 71 and 72: do not stitch them twice

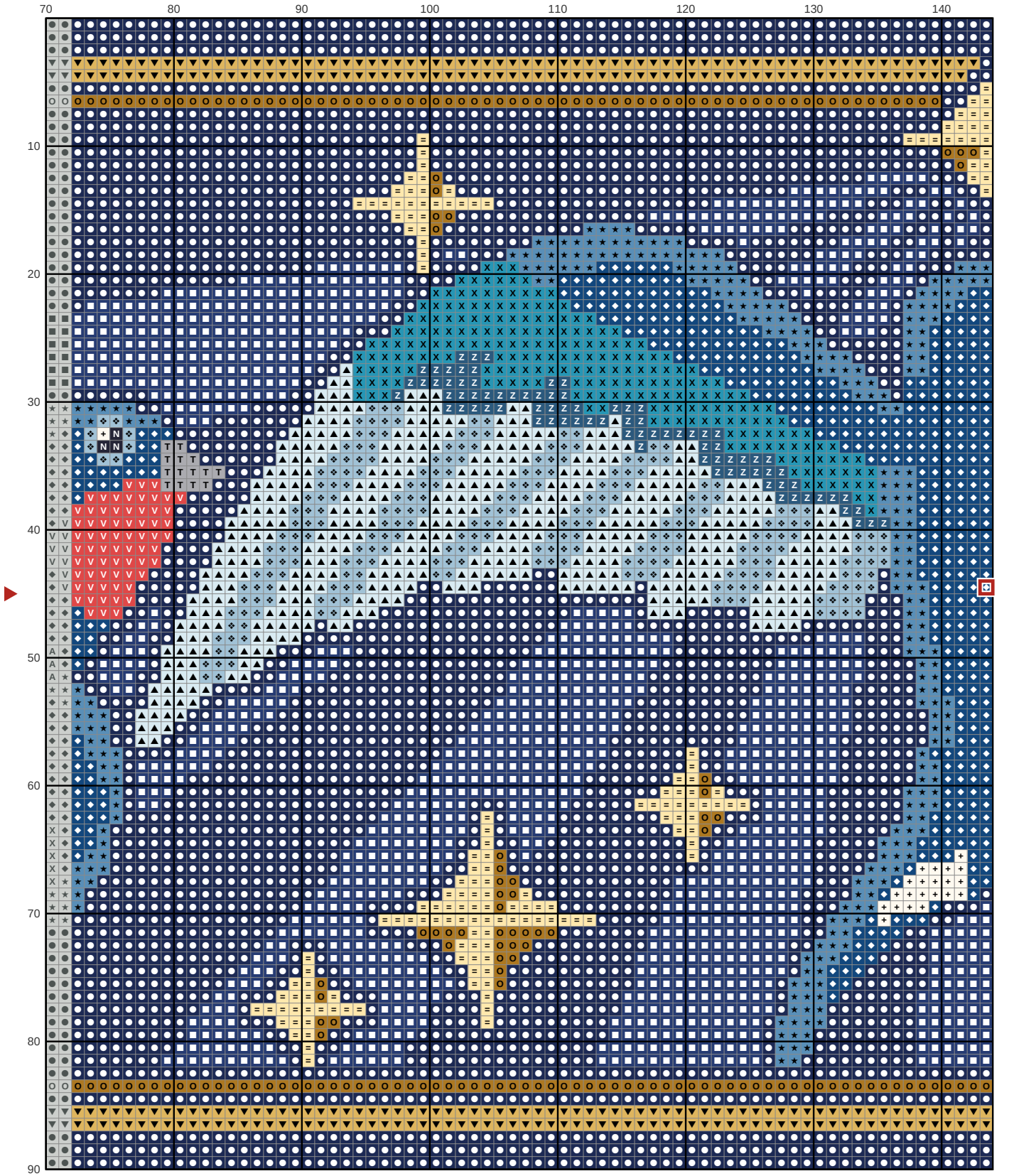

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Chart 3 of 4: columns 145 to 216, rows 1 to 90. Gray squares repeat columns 143 and 144: do not stitch them twice

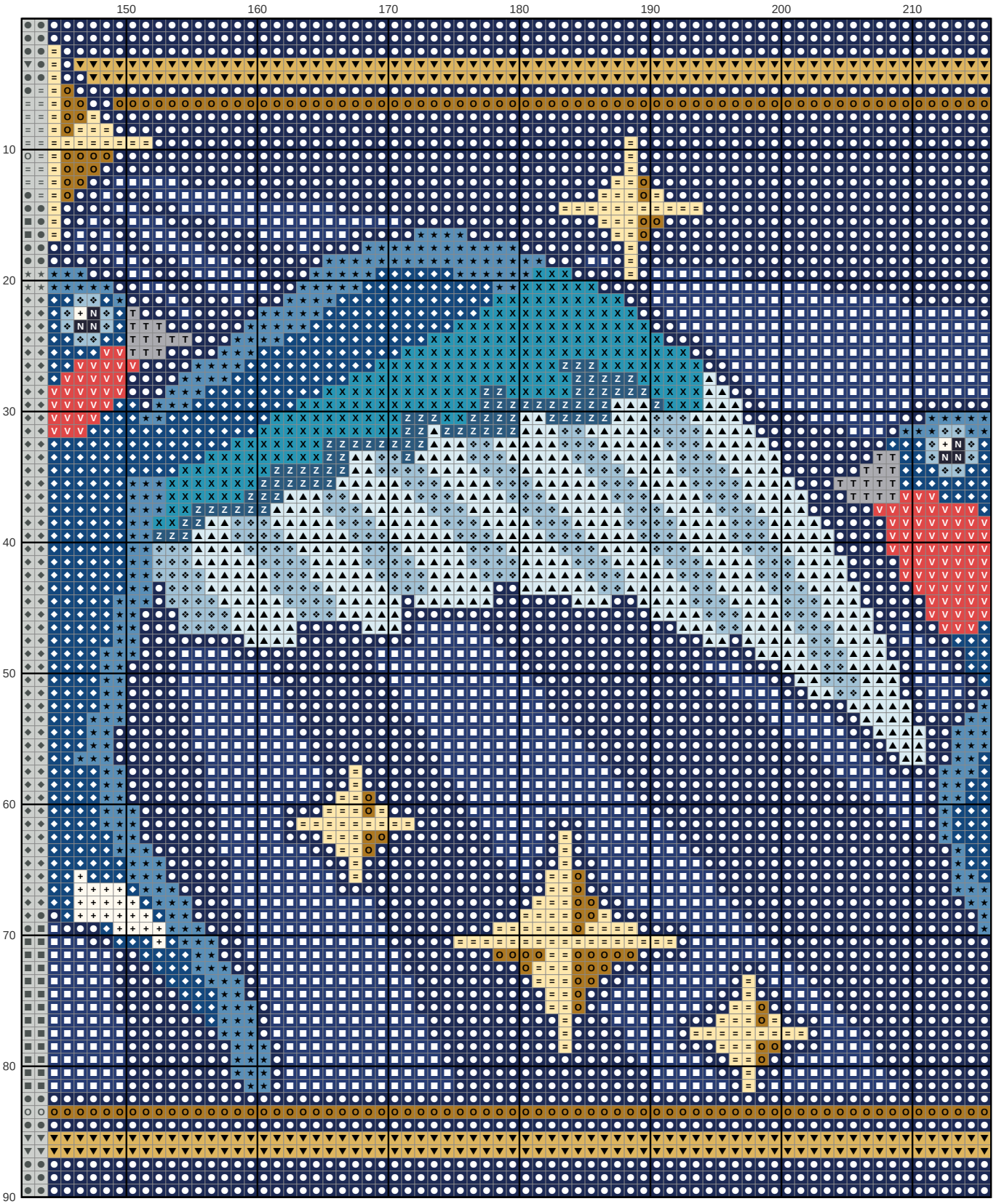

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Chart 4 of 4: columns 217 to 288, rows 1 to 90. Gray squares repeat columns 215 and 216: do not stitch them twice

