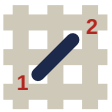
Eschew obfuscation, octopus in ink

Needlepoint pattern | 140 x 140 stitches | 14 x 14 in (35.6 x 35.6 cm) on 10 mesh | 19 colors



How to stitch it



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2. Lines in continental, right to left, the canvas upside down for the next row; wide areas in basketweave.
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 on page 2, column 70, row 70 (DMC 312): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. Last, two more rows all round in DMC 869: the seam hides them.

First time? How to needlepoint: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-start/
How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 10 mesh (10 threads to the inch), cut 18.5 in square (47 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 18. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: pearl cotton size 3, 19 colors, about 42 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 2 lengths together.

Make it a pillow: backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. How to finish a pillow.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	712	Cream	4,556	7
■	504	Very Light Blue Green	2,082	4
▲	823	Dark Navy Blue	1,862	3
◆	869	Very Dark Hazelnut Brown	1,449	4
▼	3829	Very Dark Old Gold	1,408	3
★	3778	Light Terra Cotta	1,203	2
❖	312	Very Dark Baby Blue	1,099	2
X	503	Medium Blue Green	996	2
H	3777	Very Dark Terra Cotta	901	2
+	3830	Terra Cotta	818	2
=	355	Dark Terra Cotta	791	2
Z	3820	Dark Straw	713	2
A	336	Navy Blue	627	1
V	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	460	1
T	3856	Ultra Very Light Mahogany	312	1
N	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	249	1
S	3822	Light Straw	40	1
K	3371	Black Brown	30	1
E	BLANC	White	4	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 10 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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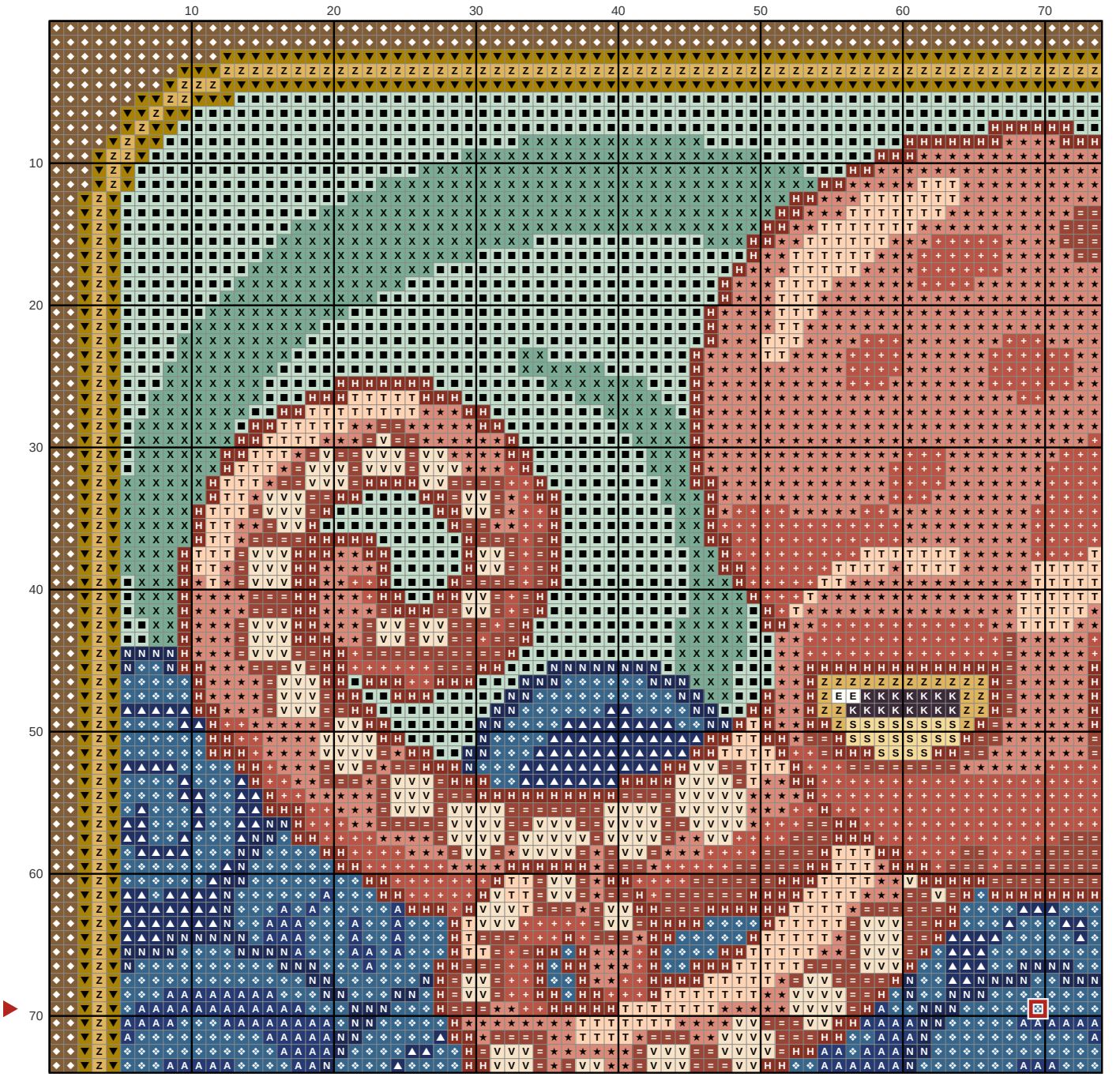

Key

■	**DMC 504** Very Light Blue Green	X	**DMC 503** Medium Blue Green	V	**DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
▲	**DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue	H	**DMC 3777** Very Dark Terra Cotta	T	**DMC 3856** Ultra Very Light Mahogany
◆	**DMC 869** Very Dark Hazelnut Brown	+	**DMC 3830** Terra Cotta	N	**DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
▼	**DMC 3829** Very Dark Old Gold	=	**DMC 355** Dark Terra Cotta	S	**DMC 3822** Light Straw
★	**DMC 3778** Light Terra Cotta	Z	**DMC 3820** Dark Straw	K	**DMC 3371** Black Brown
❖	**DMC 312** Very Dark Baby Blue	A	**DMC 336** Navy Blue	E	**DMC BLANC** White

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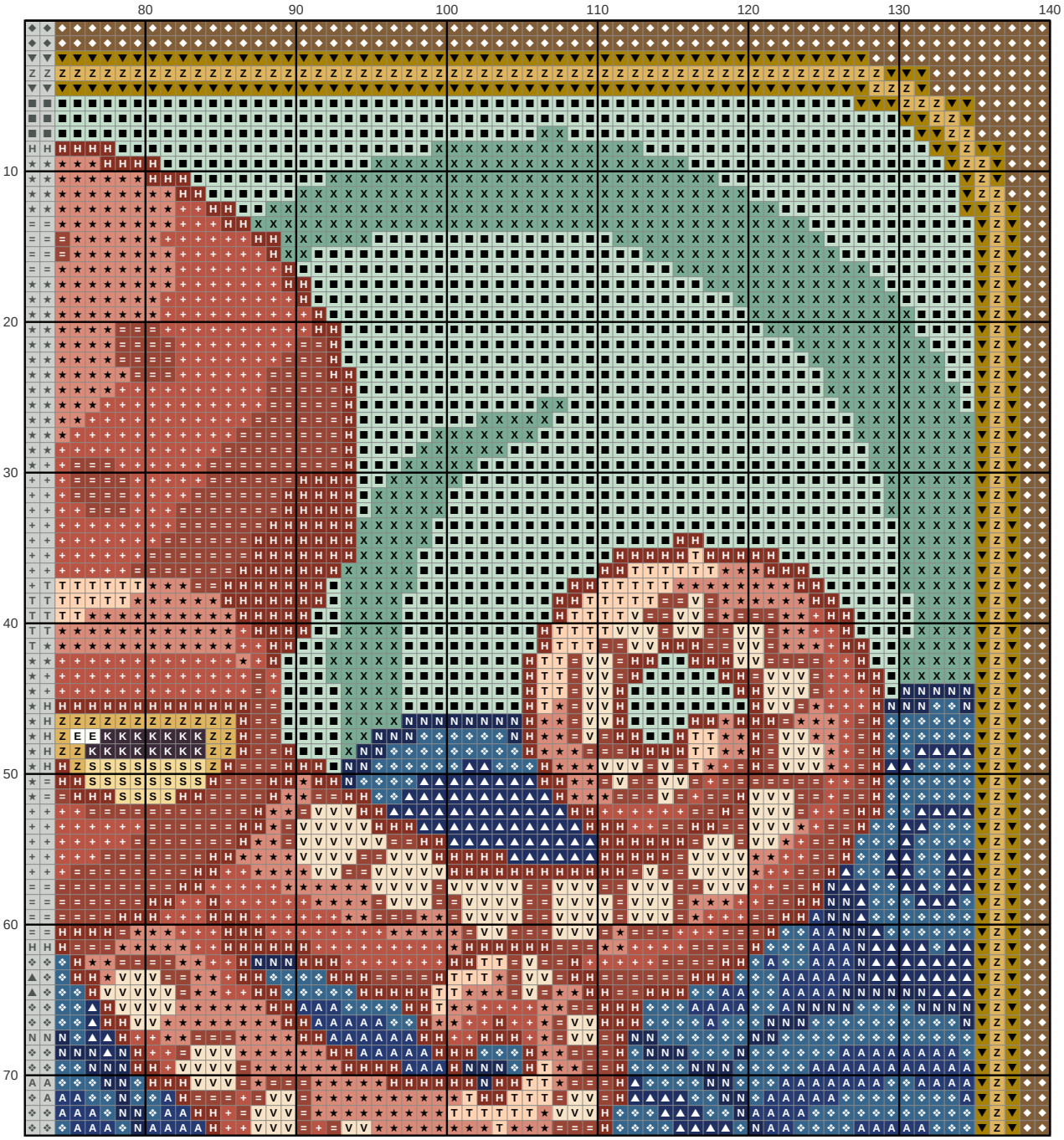

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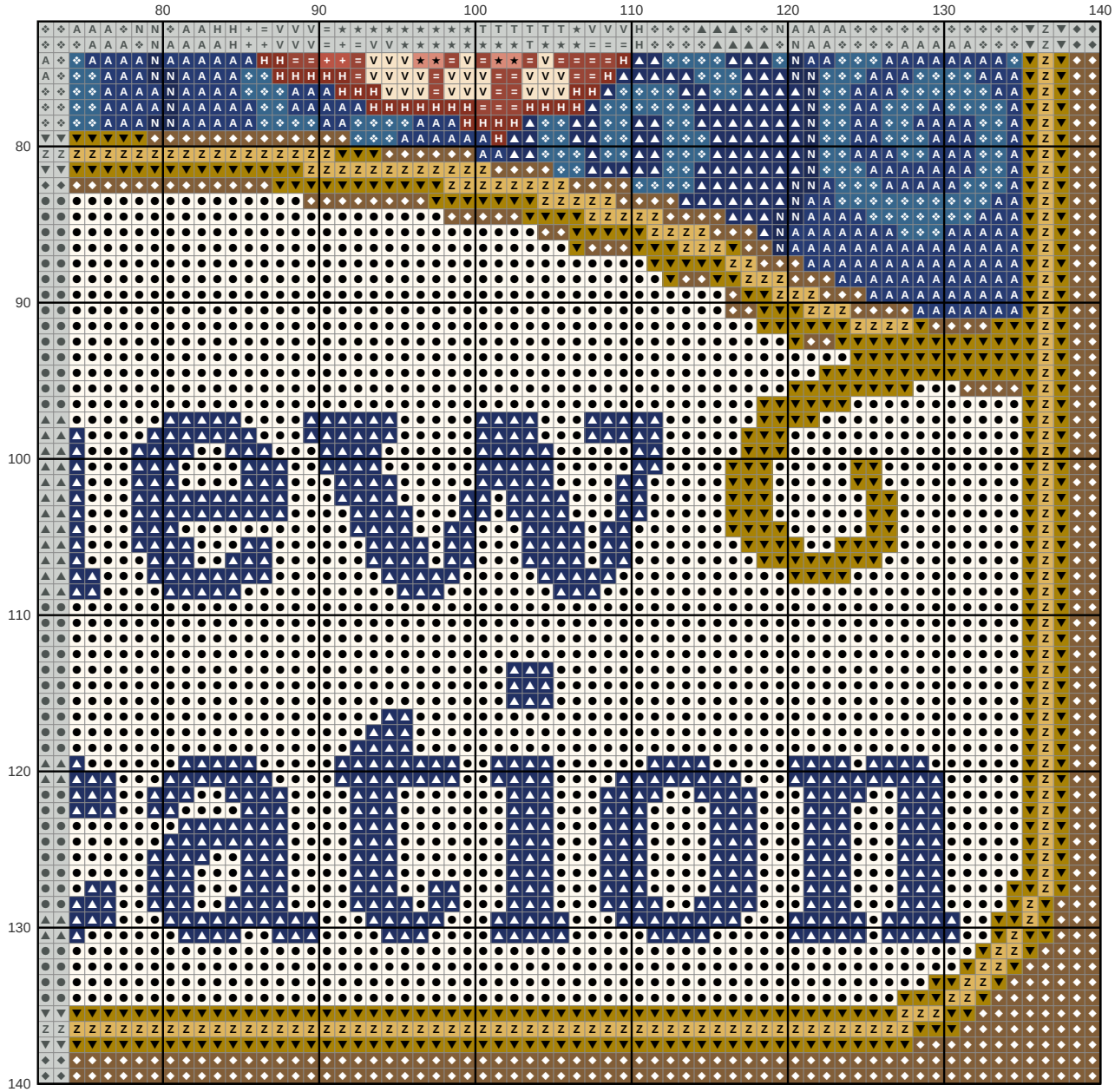

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