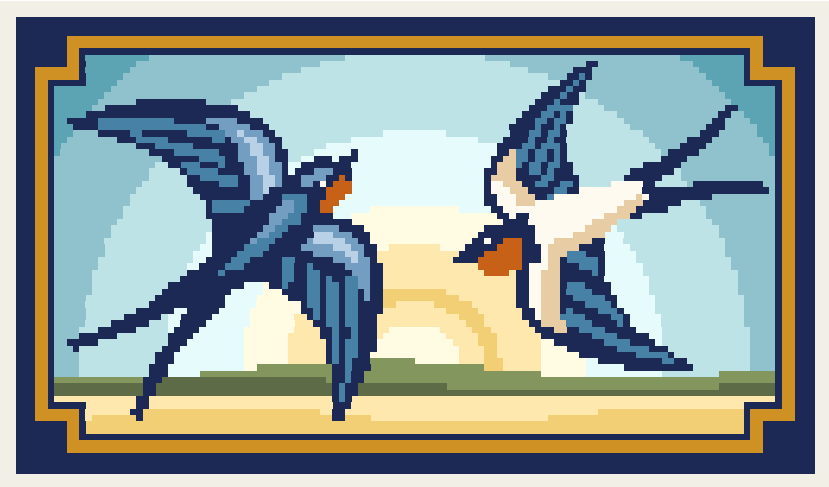
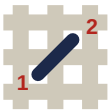
Vintage bird purse, swallows in flight

Needlepoint pattern | 126 x 72 stitches | 7 x 4 in (17.8 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 17 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 63, row 36 (DMC 3823): 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. When it is done, block it square.

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, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 11 in wide x 8 in high (27.9 x 20.3 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 17 colors, about 20 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it a clutch: a clutch or wallet with an opening this size, or a lining and a closure to sew it up. Measure the opening before you stitch. If the piece is small for it, stitch two extra rows all round in DMC 939, the color at its edge. How to finish a purse or clutch.

Thread list, DMC

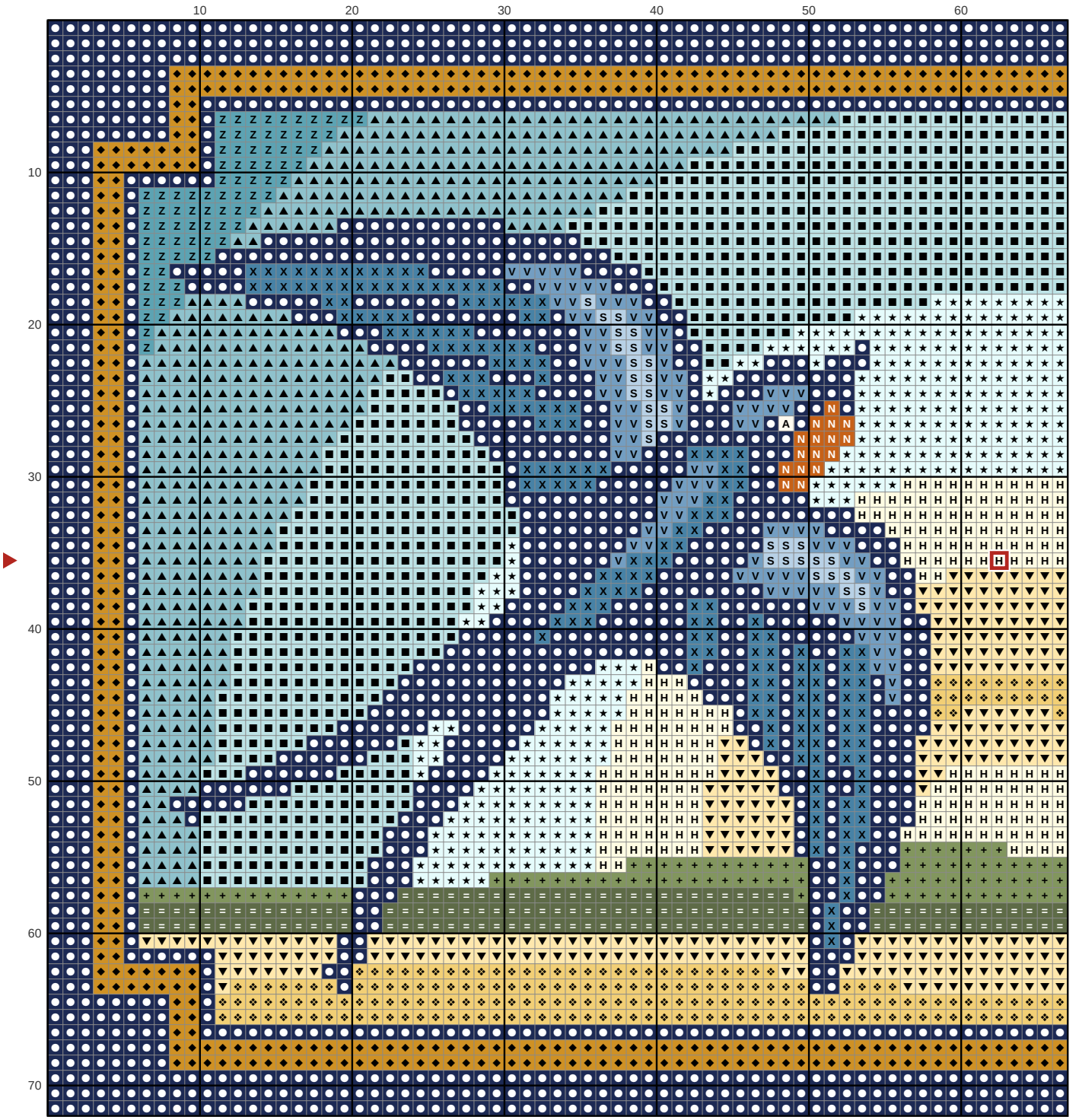
			stitches	skeins
●	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	2,717	3
■	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	1,421	2
▲	**598**	Light Turquoise	1,075	1
◆	**783**	Medium Topaz	728	1
▼	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	597	1
★	**747**	Very Light Sky Blue	510	1
❖	**3821**	Straw	392	1
X	**825**	Dark Blue	324	1
H	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	299	1
+	**3364**	Pine Green	218	1
=	**3362**	Dark Pine Green	199	1
Z	**597**	Turquoise	168	1
A	**712**	Cream	134	1
V	**334**	Medium Baby Blue	114	1
T	**738**	Very Light Tan	97	1
N	**921**	Copper	47	1
S	**3325**	Light Baby Blue	32	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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Columns 1 to 67, rows 1 to 72. Start at the red outline

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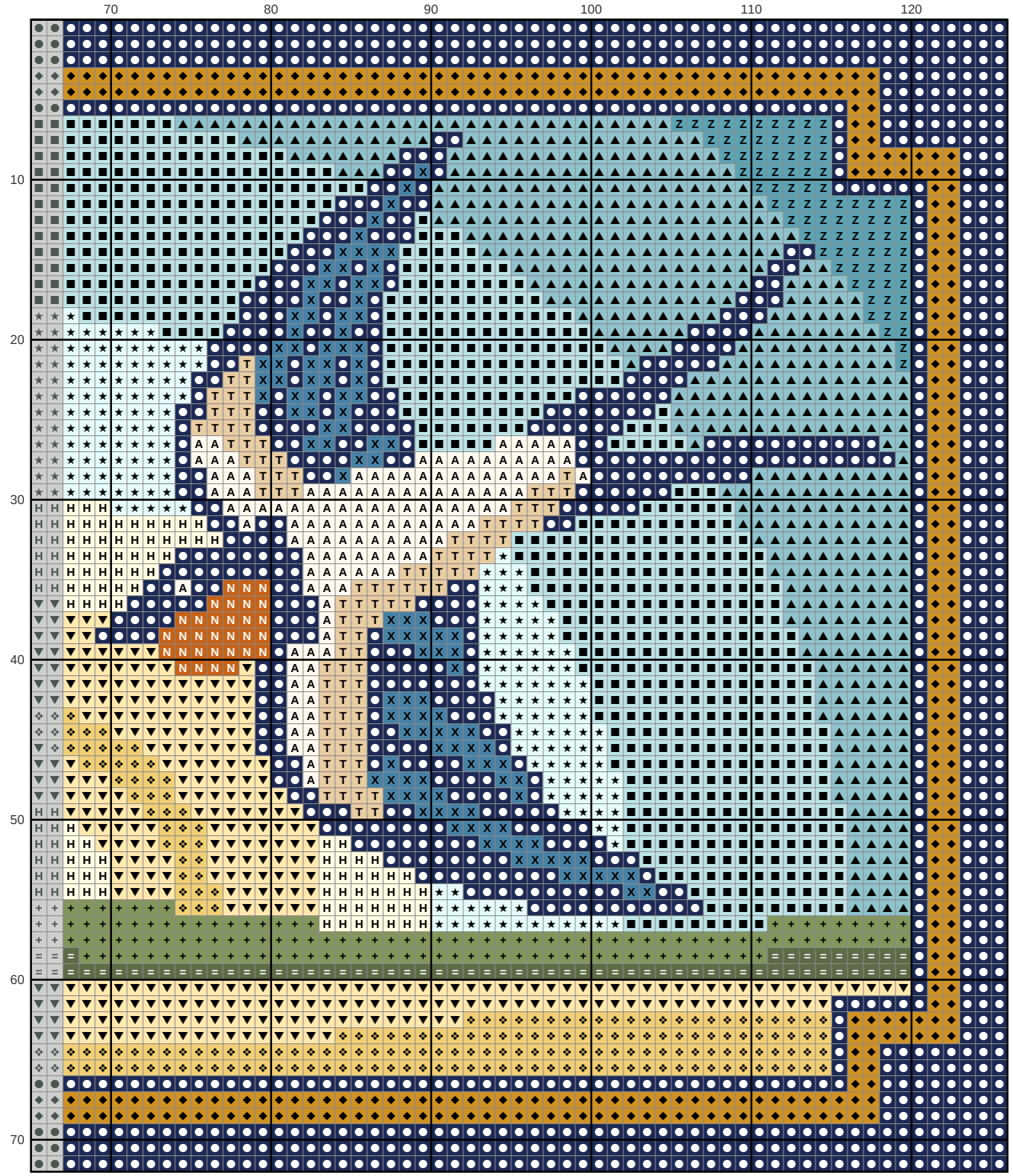
Key

- ● **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- ■ **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- ▲ **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- ◆ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ▼ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- ★ **DMC 747** Very Light Sky Blue
- ❖ **DMC 3821** Straw
- X **DMC 825** Dark Blue
- H **DMC 3823** Ultra Pale Yellow
- \+ **DMC 3364** Pine Green
- = **DMC 3362** Dark Pine Green
- Z **DMC 597** Turquoise
- A **DMC 712** Cream
- V **DMC 334** Medium Baby Blue
- N **DMC 921** Copper
- S **DMC 3325** Light Baby Blue

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Columns 68 to 126, rows 1 to 72. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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