Bethlehem star ornament, 3 in round

Needlepoint pattern | 54 x 54 stitches | 3 x 3 in (7.6 x 7.6 cm) on 18 mesh | 12 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	375	3	1
■	**DMC 797**	Royal Blue	320	3	1
▲	**DMC 782**	Dark Topaz	316	3	1
◆	**DMC 3778**	Light Terra Cotta	273	2	1
▼	**DMC 725**	Medium Light Topaz	199	2	1
★	**DMC 825**	Dark Blue	152	2	1
❖	**DMC 739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	150	2	1
X	**DMC 562**	Medium Jade	130	1	1
O	**DMC 437**	Light Tan	112	1	1
+	**DMC 500**	Very Dark Blue Green	105	1	1
=	**DMC BLANC**	White	95	1	1
Z	**DMC 898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	65	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 7 x 7 in (17.8 x 17.8 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

2,292 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 54 x 54 at its widest and tallest.
Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 12 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 12 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 12 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 22 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.

Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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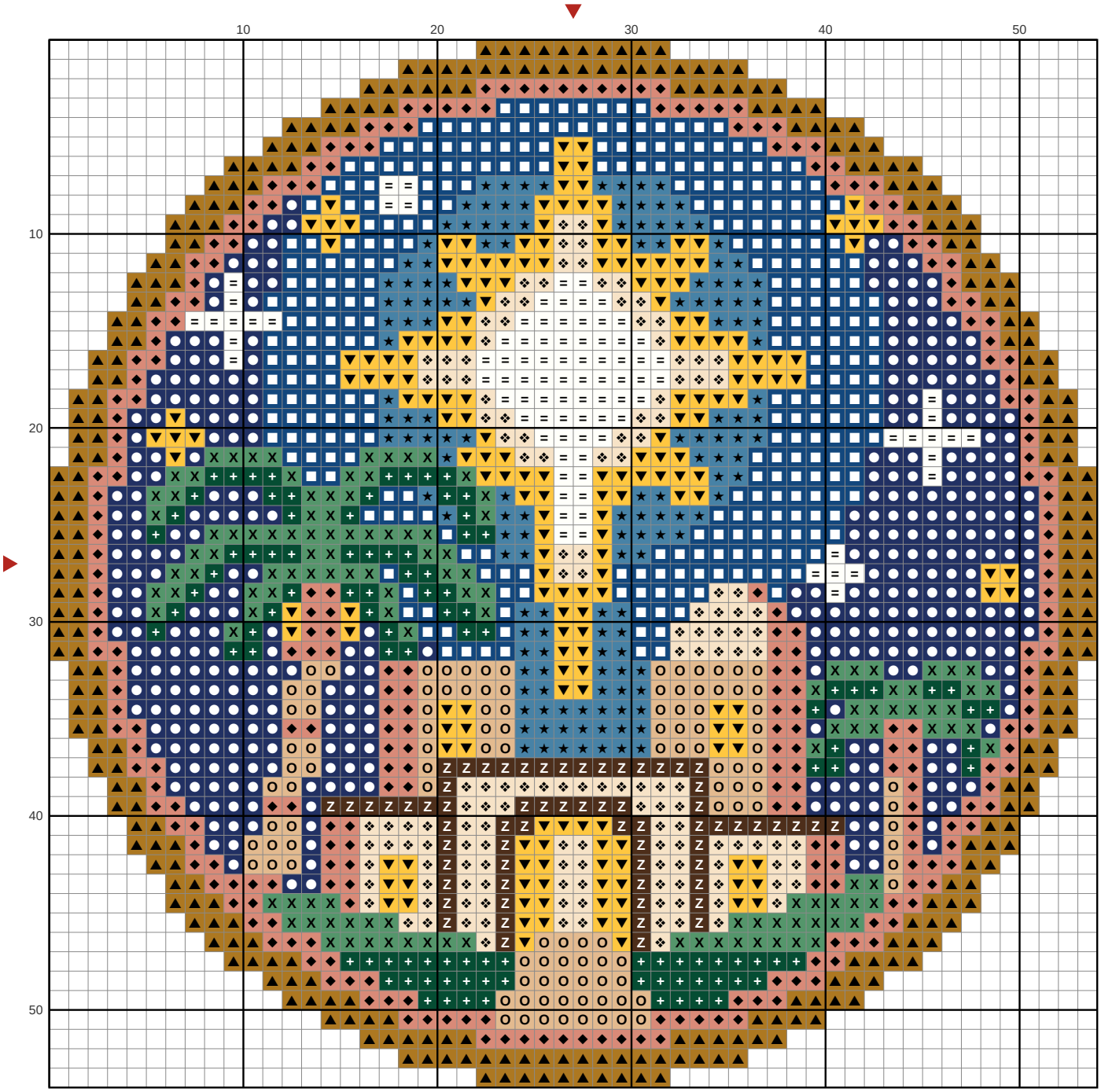

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