Vintage acanthus leaves pillow

Needlepoint pattern | 140 x 140 stitches | 14 x 14 in (35.6 x 35.6 cm) on 10 mesh | 23 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**814**	Dark Garnet	6,351	79	10
■	**3363**	Medium Pine Green	1,508	19	3
▲	**502**	Blue Green	1,383	18	3
◆	**3362**	Dark Pine Green	1,361	17	3
▼	**503**	Medium Blue Green	1,359	17	3
★	**501**	Dark Blue Green	1,243	16	2
❖	**523**	Light Fern Green	1,045	13	2
X	**3813**	Light Blue Green	880	11	2
O	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	680	9	2
+	**154**	Very Dark Grape	497	7	1
=	**524**	Very Light Fern Green	477	6	1
Z	**369**	Very Light Pistachio Green	470	6	1
A	**680**	Dark Old Gold	386	5	1
V	**935**	Dark Avocado Green	357	5	1
T	**223**	Light Shell Pink	314	4	1
N	**729**	Medium Old Gold	288	4	1
S	**3722**	Medium Shell Pink	274	4	1
K	**3721**	Dark Shell Pink	193	3	1
E	**829**	Very Dark Golden Olive	157	2	1
C	**221**	Very Dark Shell Pink	148	2	1
P	**224**	Very Light Shell Pink	118	2	1
U	**676**	Light Old Gold	83	2	1
L	**225**	Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	28	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 18 x 18 in (45.7 x 45.7 cm) for 10 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

19,600 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 divided evenly over 4 pages. Where chart pages join, gray squares repeat two rows or columns. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: pearl cotton size 3, 2 strands in the needle on 10 mesh, about 44 skeins of 16.4 yd in all. Or six-strand floss, 8 to 10 strands, about 59 skeins of 8.7 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 39 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 3 strands, about 44 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 16 or 18.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 10 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 252 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 a pillow: also have backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. The seam takes the last two rows: stitch two extra rows all round, or keep the edge plain. "How to finish a pillow" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 4: columns 1 to 70, rows 1 to 70

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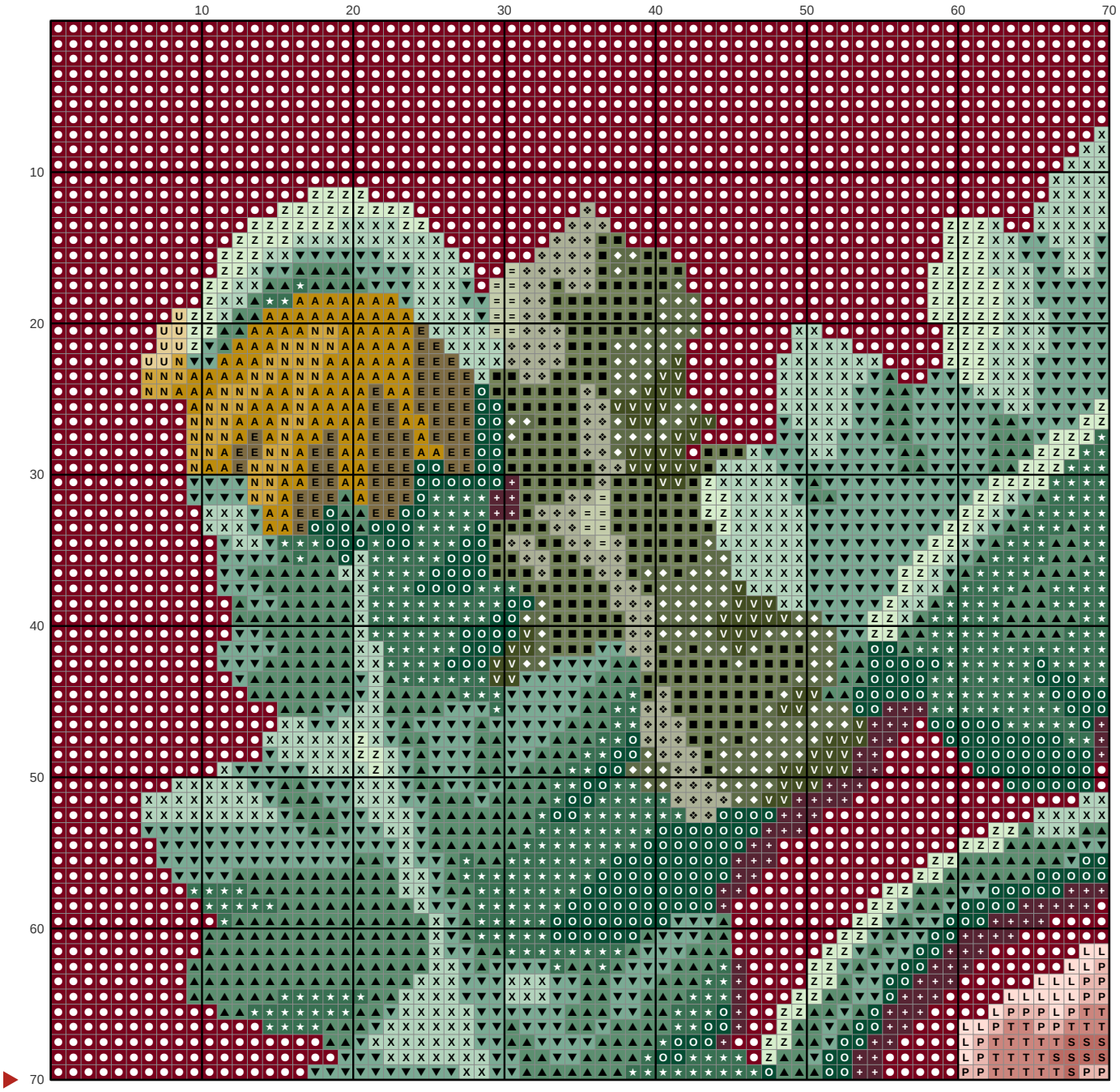

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Chart 2 of 4: columns 71 to 140, rows 1 to 70; gray squares repeat columns 69 and 70

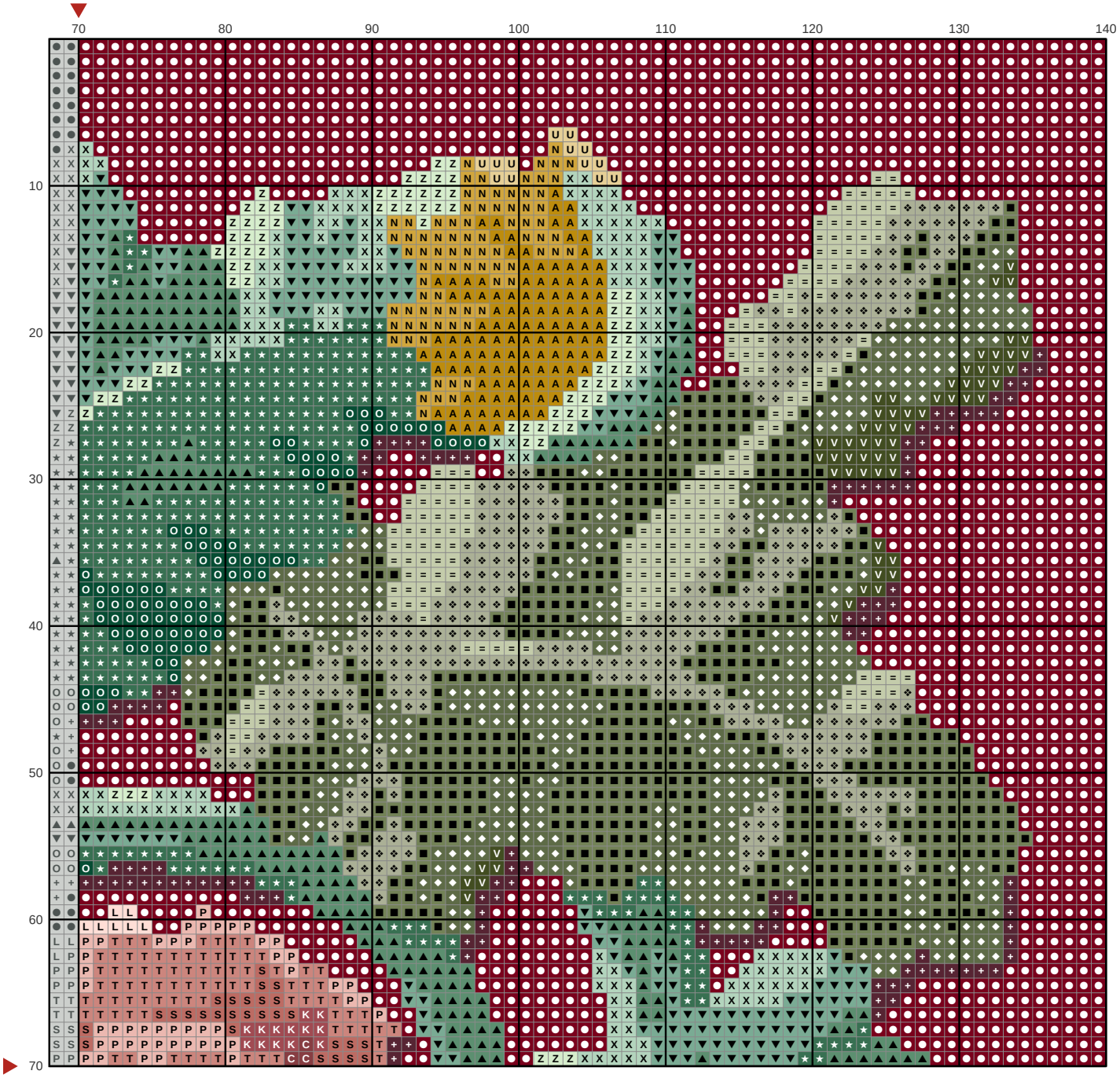

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Chart 3 of 4: columns 1 to 70, rows 71 to 140; gray squares repeat rows 69 and 70

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Chart 4 of 4: columns 71 to 140, rows 71 to 140; gray squares repeat columns 69 and 70 and rows 69 and 70

