Bird nest with blue eggs and primroses

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**934**	Black Avocado Green	2,012	14	2
■	**938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	689	5	1
▲	**3346**	Hunter Green	335	3	1
◆	**435**	Very Light Brown	303	3	1
▼	**3078**	Very Light Golden Yellow	284	2	1
★	**470**	Light Avocado Green	221	2	1
❖	**3766**	Light Peacock Blue	214	2	1
X	**3865**	Winter White	196	2	1
O	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	194	2	1
+	**210**	Medium Lavender	149	2	1
=	**3047**	Light Yellow Beige	145	1	1
Z	**597**	Turquoise	137	1	1
A	**726**	Light Topaz	97	1	1
V	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	83	1	1
T	**208**	Very Dark Lavender	78	1	1
N	**783**	Medium Topaz	47	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

5,184 stitches in all. 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 17 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 16 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 16 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 43 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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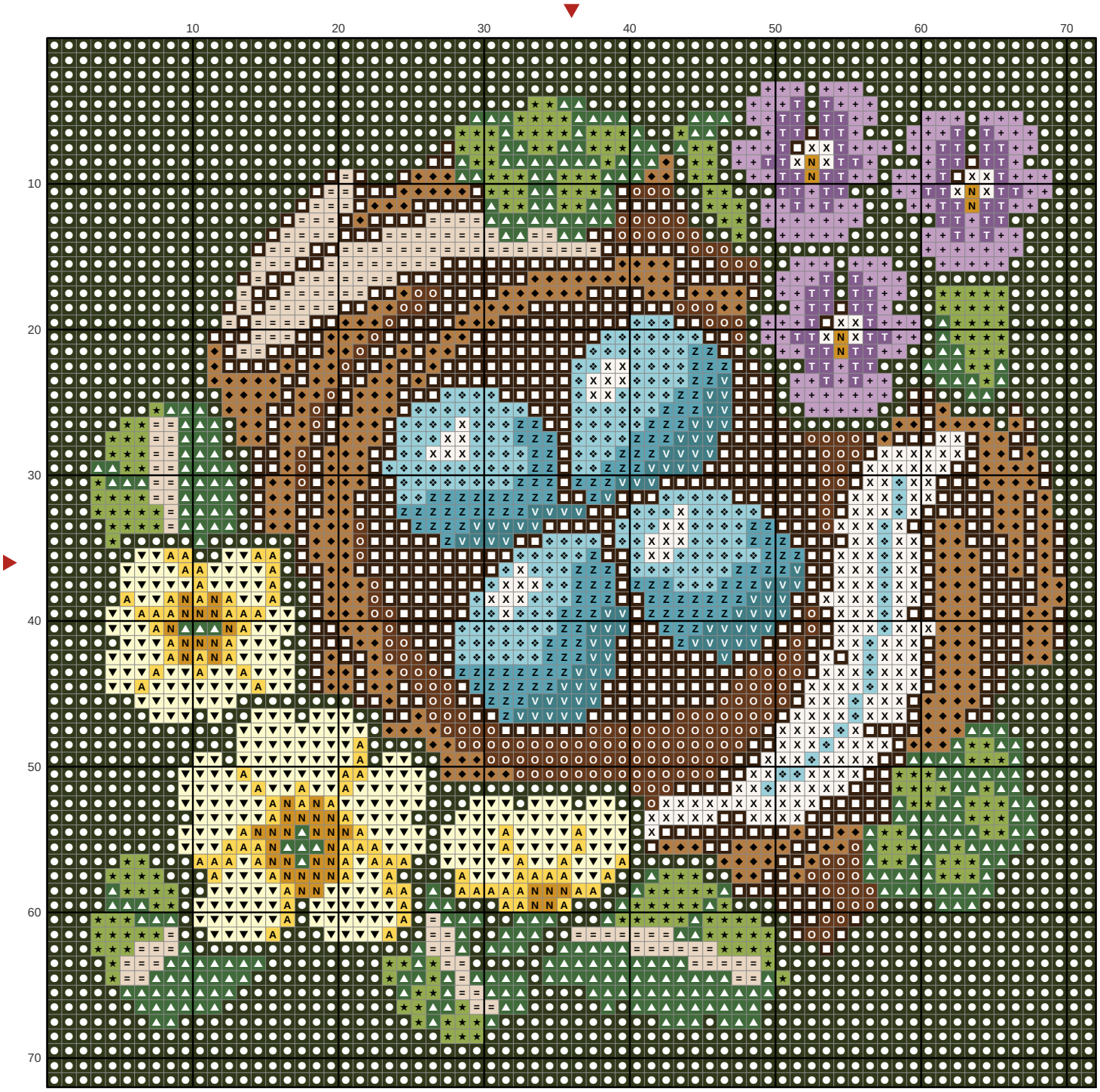
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches



Key

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- DMC 470 Light Avocado Green
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- DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
- DMC 210 Medium Lavender
- DMC 3047 Light Yellow Beige
- DMC 597 Turquoise
- DMC 726 Light Topaz
- DMC 3809 Very Dark Turquoise
- DMC 208 Very Dark Lavender
- DMC 783 Medium Topaz