Balkan peasant woman, bonnet and shawl

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 126 stitches | 5 x 7 in (12.7 x 17.8 cm) on 18 mesh | 20 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**3836**	Light Grape	1,201	9	1
■	**310**	Black	1,089	8	1
▲	**3013**	Light Khaki Green	835	6	1
◆	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	796	6	1
▼	**3345**	Dark Hunter Green	767	6	1
★	**3771**	Ultra Very Light Terra Cotta	736	6	1
❖	**3824**	Light Apricot	716	5	1
X	**3347**	Medium Yellow Green	689	5	1
O	**321**	Red	689	5	1
+	**814**	Dark Garnet	544	4	1
=	**3733**	Dusty Rose	513	4	1
Z	**BLANC**	White	450	4	1
A	**160**	Medium Gray Blue	444	4	1
V	**435**	Very Light Brown	410	3	1
T	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	369	3	1
N	**159**	Light Gray Blue	362	3	1
S	**3746**	Dark Blue Violet	307	3	1
K	**3803**	Dark Mauve	179	2	1
E	**951**	Light Tawny	169	2	1
C	**3064**	Desert Sand	75	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 9 x 11 in (22.9 x 27.9 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

11,340 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 on 2 pages, each cut to what is stitched: bare canvas has no page, and a join falls on plain ground where it can. Pages 2 and 3 are turned on their side, for a part that is wider than it is tall. Where chart pages join, gray squares repeat two rows. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 20 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 20 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 20 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 89 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.

Frame it: also have acid-free board and a frame. "How to frame needlepoint" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

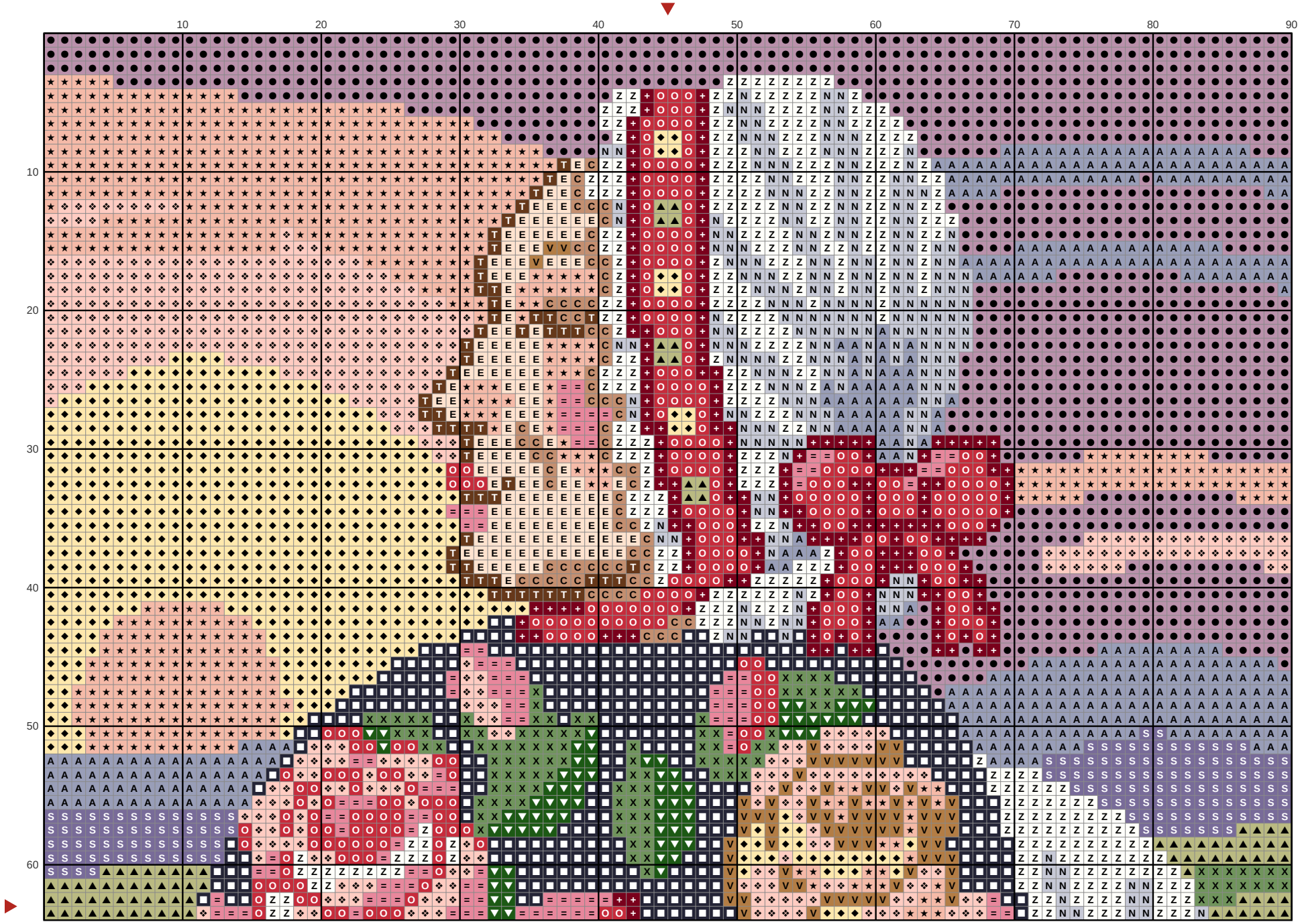
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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 1 to 64

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 65 to 126; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

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