Pigeon among Victorian roses

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
●	3371	Black Brown	5,288	37	5
■	932	Light Antique Blue	591	5	1
▲	930	Dark Antique Blue	560	4	1
◆	316	Medium Antique Mauve	517	4	1
▼	3753	Ultra Very Light Antique Blue	466	4	1
★	3012	Medium Khaki Green	444	4	1
❖	931	Medium Antique Blue	440	4	1
X	224	Very Light Shell Pink	410	3	1
O	677	Very Light Old Gold	350	3	1
+	936	Very Dark Avocado Green	297	3	1
=	225	Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	279	2	1
Z	3834	Dark Grape	254	2	1
A	814	Dark Garnet	244	2	1
V	676	Light Old Gold	225	2	1
T	3799	Very Dark Pewter Gray	222	2	1
N	746	Off White	197	2	1
S	347	Very Dark Salmon	196	2	1
K	3847	Dark Teal Green	143	1	1
E	3013	Light Khaki Green	123	1	1
C	3849	Light Teal Green	94	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 24 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 21 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 21 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 88 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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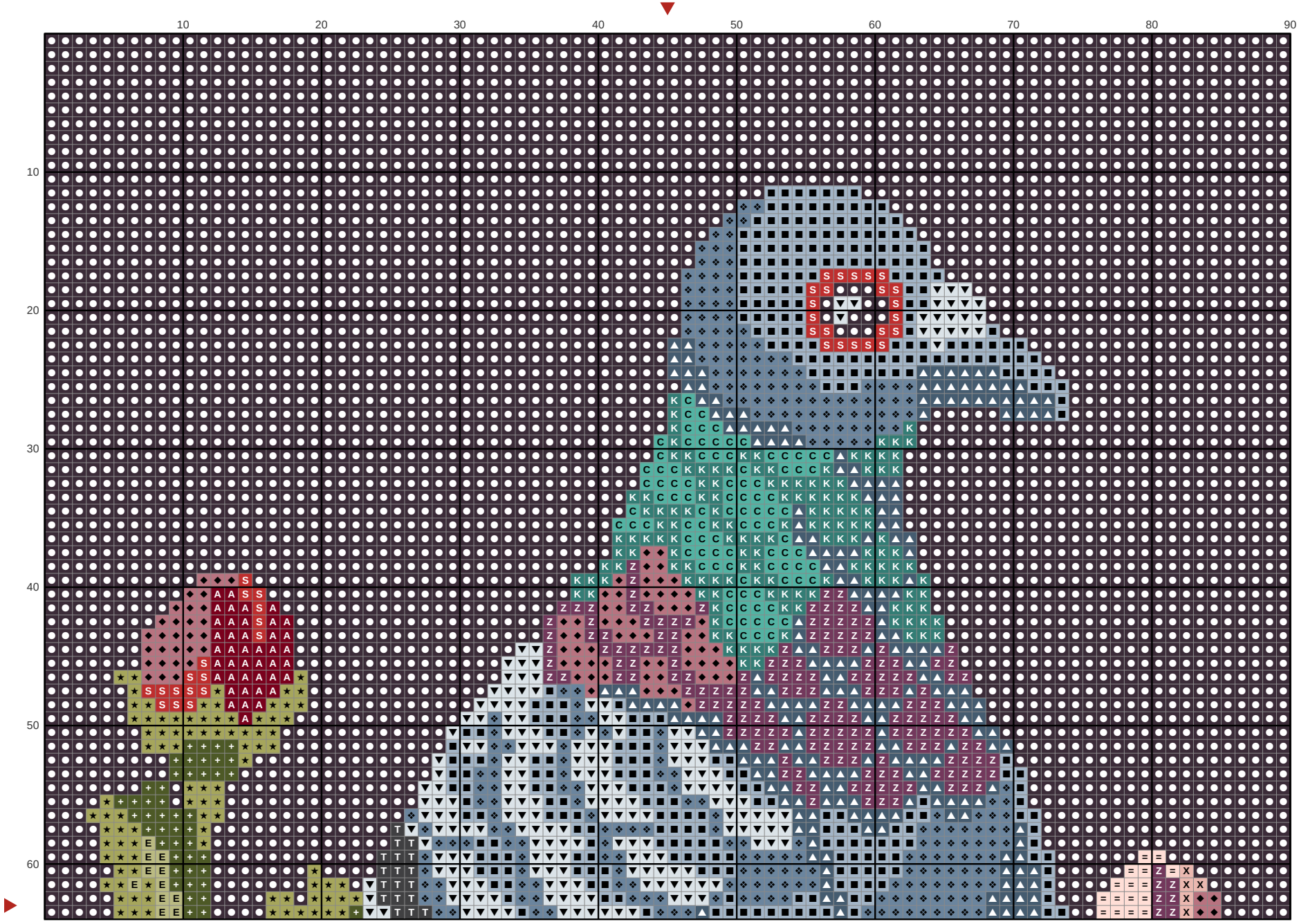

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 65 to 126; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

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