Victorian Santa Claus portrait

Needlepoint pattern | 156 x 156 stitches | 12 x 12 in (30.5 x 30.5 cm) on 13 mesh | 23 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	6,013	57	9
■	**647**	Medium Beaver Gray	2,756	27	5
▲	**3033**	Very Light Mocha Brown	2,237	22	4
◆	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	1,609	16	3
▼	**646**	Dark Beaver Gray	1,474	14	3
★	**3834**	Dark Grape	1,145	11	2
❖	**934**	Black Avocado Green	1,046	10	2
X	**154**	Very Dark Grape	942	9	2
O	**3787**	Dark Brown Gray	913	9	2
+	**936**	Very Dark Avocado Green	868	9	2
=	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	852	9	2
Z	**975**	Dark Golden Brown	780	8	2
A	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	765	8	2
V	**469**	Avocado Green	486	5	1
T	**437**	Light Tan	418	4	1
N	**471**	Very Light Avocado Green	415	4	1
S	**3045**	Dark Yellow Beige	407	4	1
K	**3826**	Golden Brown	389	4	1
E	**977**	Light Golden Brown	364	4	1
C	**3862**	Dark Mocha Beige	195	2	1
P	**815**	Medium Garnet	111	2	1
U	**3778**	Light Terra Cotta	98	1	1
L	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	53	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 16 x 16 in (40.6 x 40.6 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

24,336 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 5 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 or columns. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 7 or 8 strands in the needle on 13 mesh (counted at 8), about 50 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 28 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 39 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 32 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 20.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 240 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 5: columns 1 to 78, rows 1 to 64

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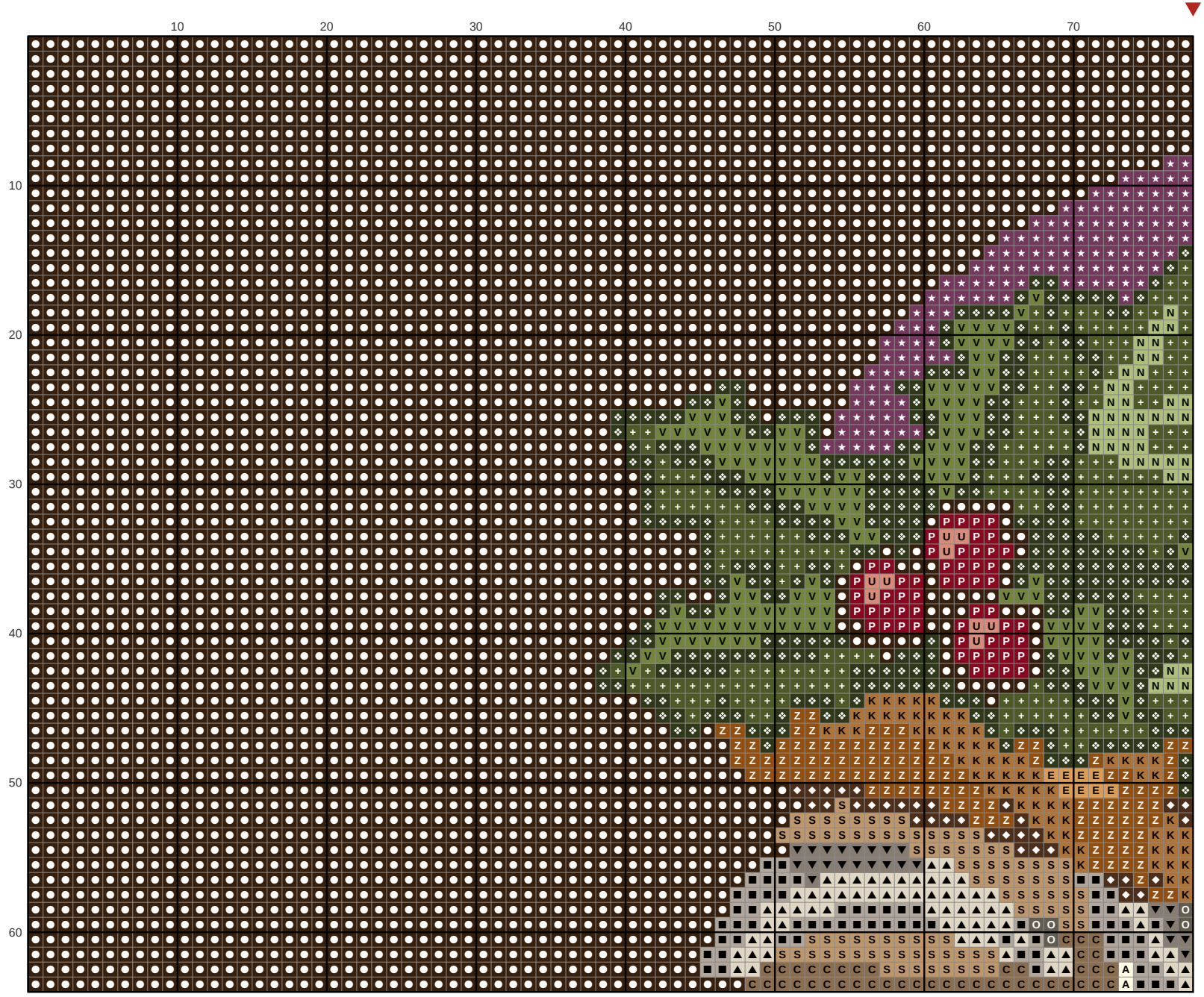

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Chart 2 of 5: columns 79 to 156, rows 1 to 64; gray squares repeat columns 77 and 78

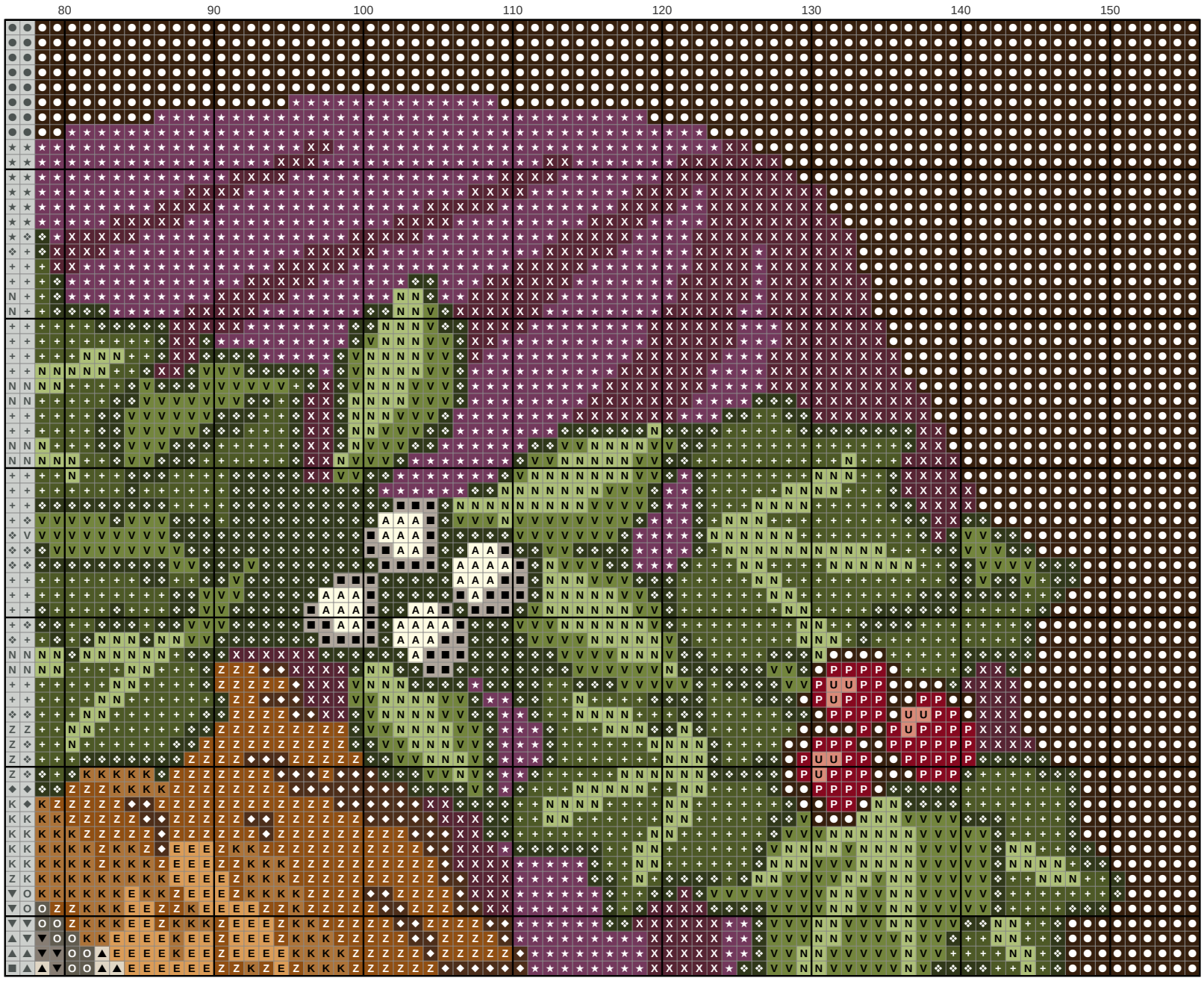

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Chart 3 of 5: columns 1 to 52, rows 65 to 156; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

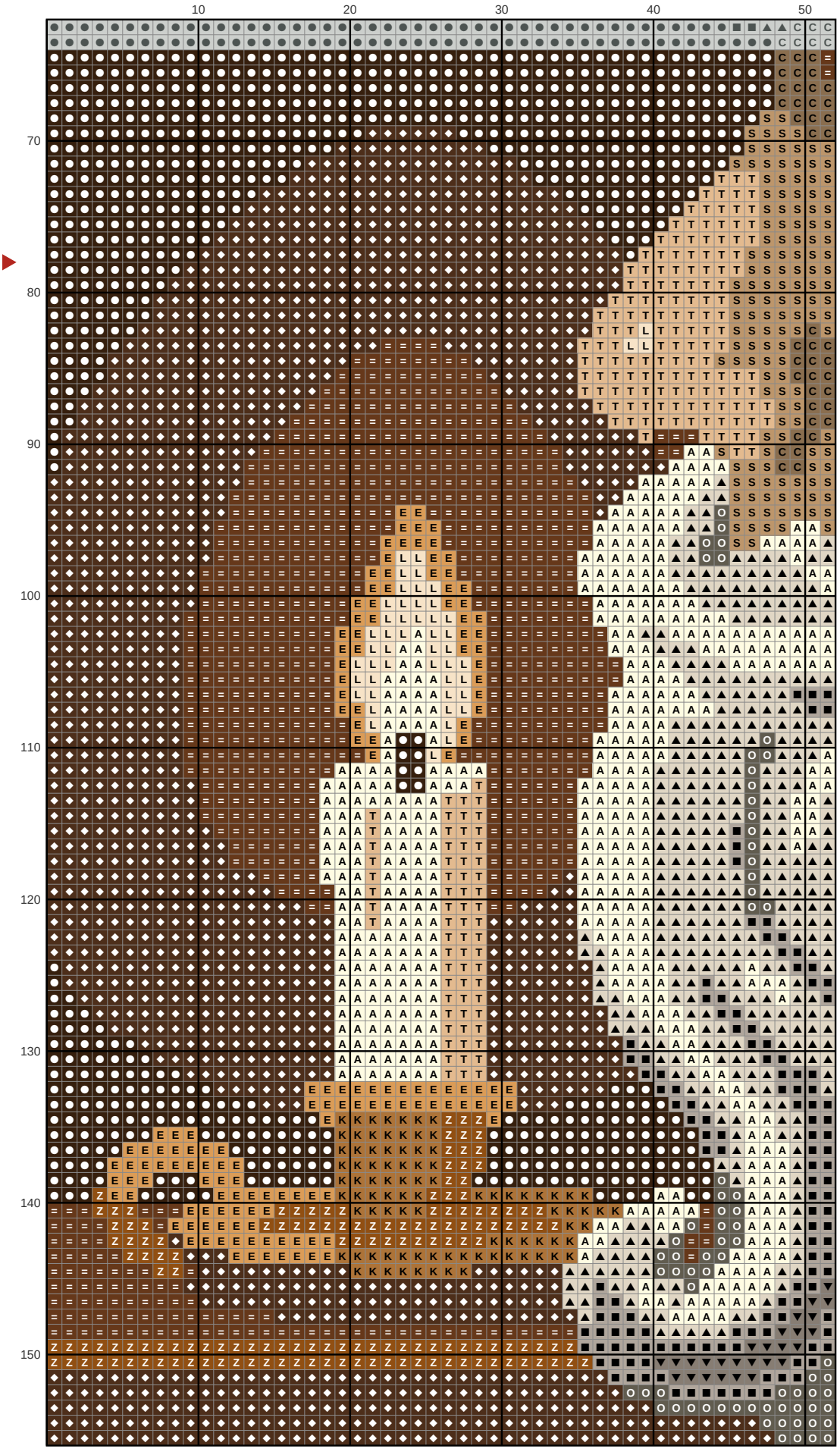

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Chart 4 of 5: columns 53 to 104, rows 65 to 156; gray squares repeat columns 51 and 52 and rows 63 and 64

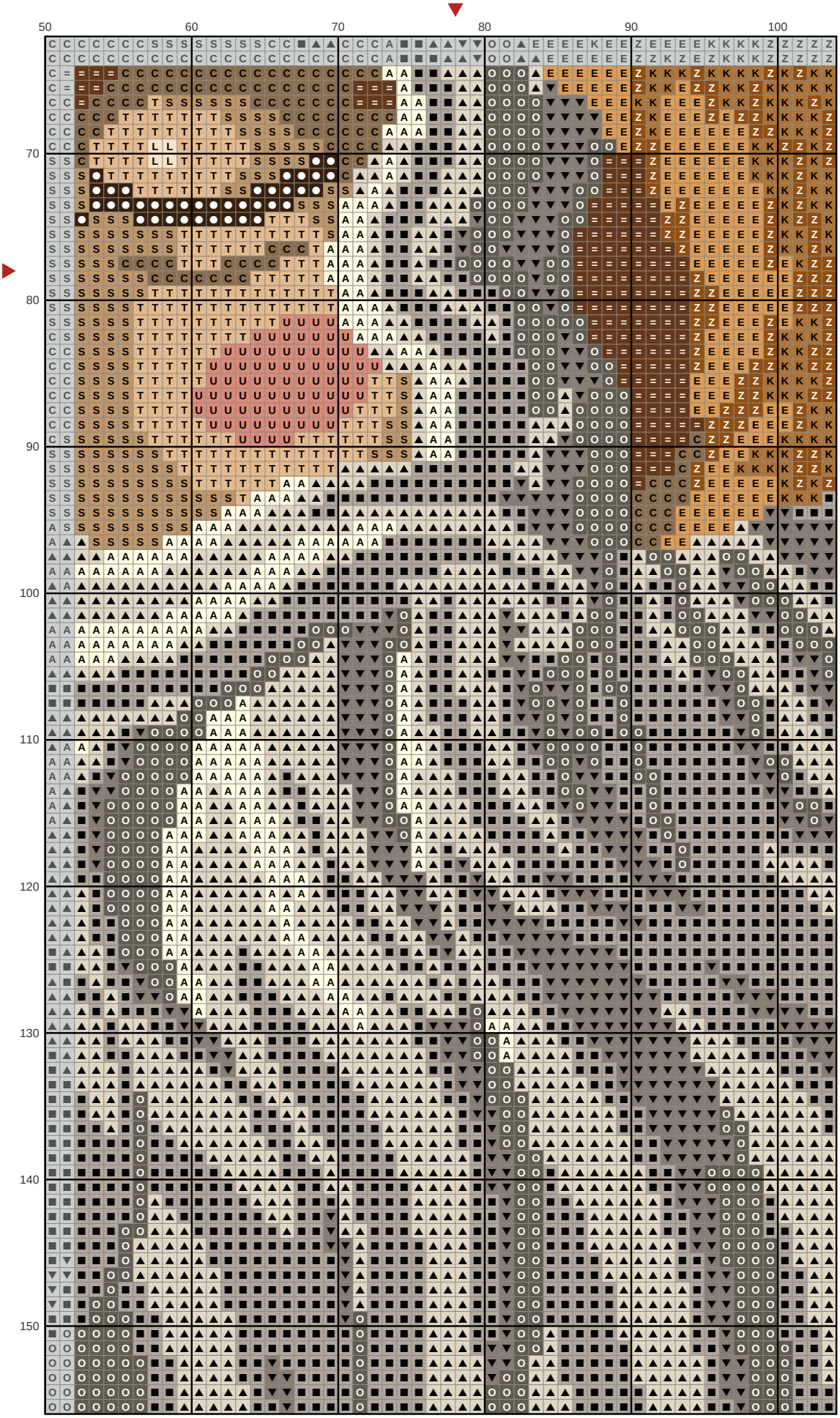

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Chart 5 of 5: columns 105 to 156, rows 65 to 156; gray squares repeat columns 103 and 104 and rows 63 and 64

