Ant with a dandelion in moonlight

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
●	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	2,382	17	2
■	**746**	Off White	1,765	13	2
▲	**3842**	Very Dark Wedgwood	1,382	10	2
◆	**311**	Medium Navy Blue	1,005	7	1
▼	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	684	5	1
★	**677**	Very Light Old Gold	642	5	1
❖	**502**	Blue Green	556	4	1
X	**3820**	Dark Straw	454	4	1
O	**501**	Dark Blue Green	411	3	1
+	**400**	Dark Mahogany	330	3	1
=	**3371**	Black Brown	289	2	1
Z	**931**	Medium Antique Blue	250	2	1
A	**922**	Light Copper	213	2	1
V	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	207	2	1
T	**3047**	Light Yellow Beige	179	2	1
N	**3752**	Very Light Antique Blue	158	2	1
S	**762**	Very Light Pearl Gray	135	1	1
K	**504**	Very Light Blue Green	131	1	1
E	**930**	Dark Antique Blue	86	1	1
C	**402**	Very Light Mahogany	81	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 23 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 87 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.

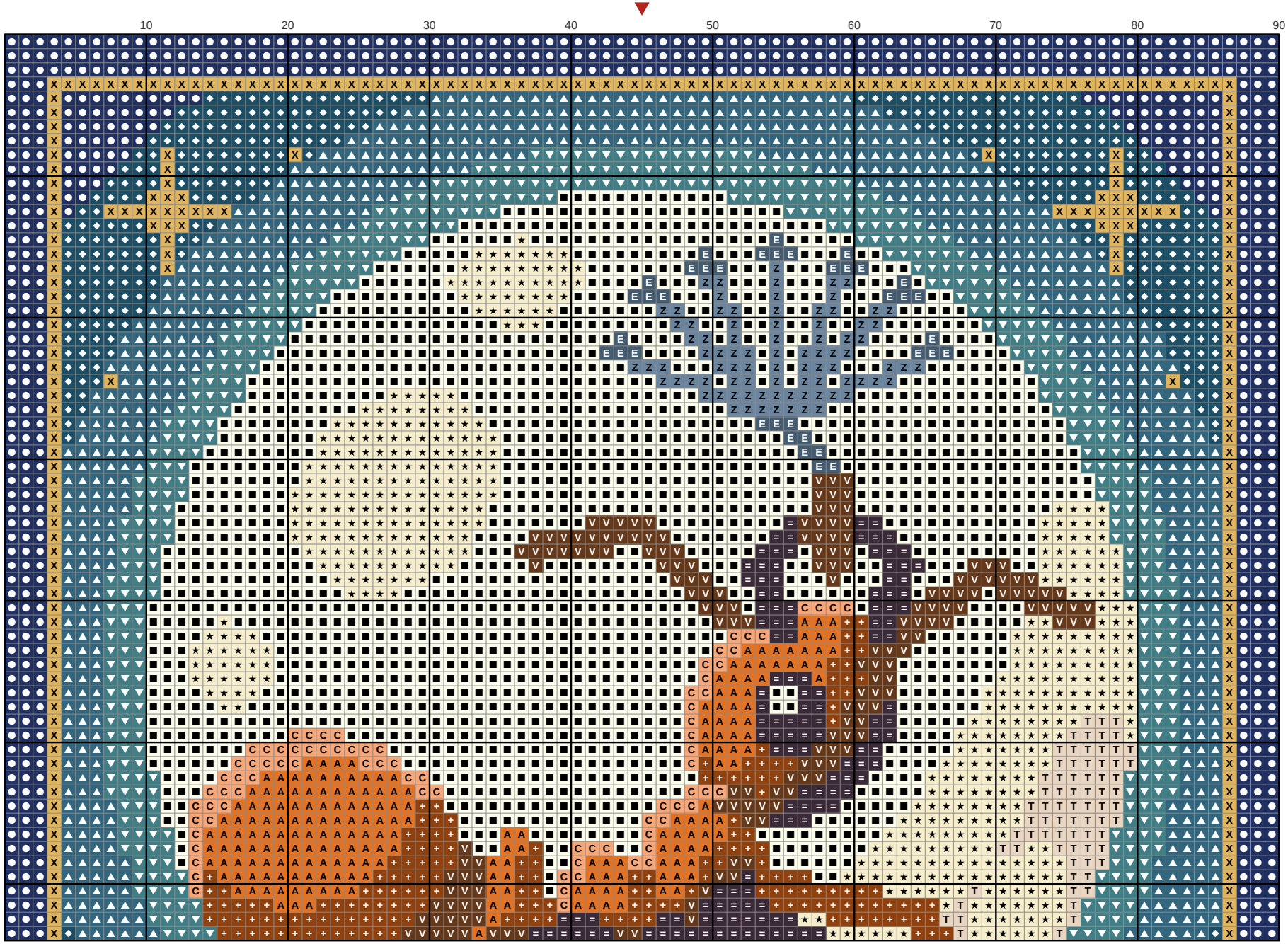
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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 1 to 64



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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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