Illuminated manuscript castle and stars

Needlepoint pattern | 104 x 130 stitches | 8 x 10 in (20.3 x 25.4 cm) on 13 mesh | 22 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	4,403	42	7
■	3820	Dark Straw	1,732	17	3
▲	817	Very Dark Coral Red	1,431	14	3
◆	823	Dark Navy Blue	763	8	2
▼	3347	Medium Yellow Green	633	6	1
★	350	Medium Coral	617	6	1
❖	798	Dark Delft Blue	500	5	1
X	223	Light Shell Pink	481	5	1
O	809	Delft Blue	461	5	1
+	797	Royal Blue	403	4	1
=	224	Very Light Shell Pink	344	4	1
Z	225	Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	333	4	1
A	895	Very Dark Hunter Green	294	3	1
V	433	Medium Brown	199	2	1
T	3348	Light Yellow Green	195	2	1
N	799	Medium Delft Blue	142	2	1
S	3822	Light Straw	135	2	1
K	782	Dark Topaz	124	2	1
E	435	Very Light Brown	107	2	1
C	3841	Pale Baby Blue	101	1	1
P	437	Light Tan	66	1	1
U	3721	Dark Shell Pink	56	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 12 x 14 in (30.5 x 35.6 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

13,520 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 divided evenly over 2 pages. 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, 7 or 8 strands in the needle on 13 mesh (counted at 8), about 33 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 25 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 28 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 27 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 138 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 104, rows 1 to 65

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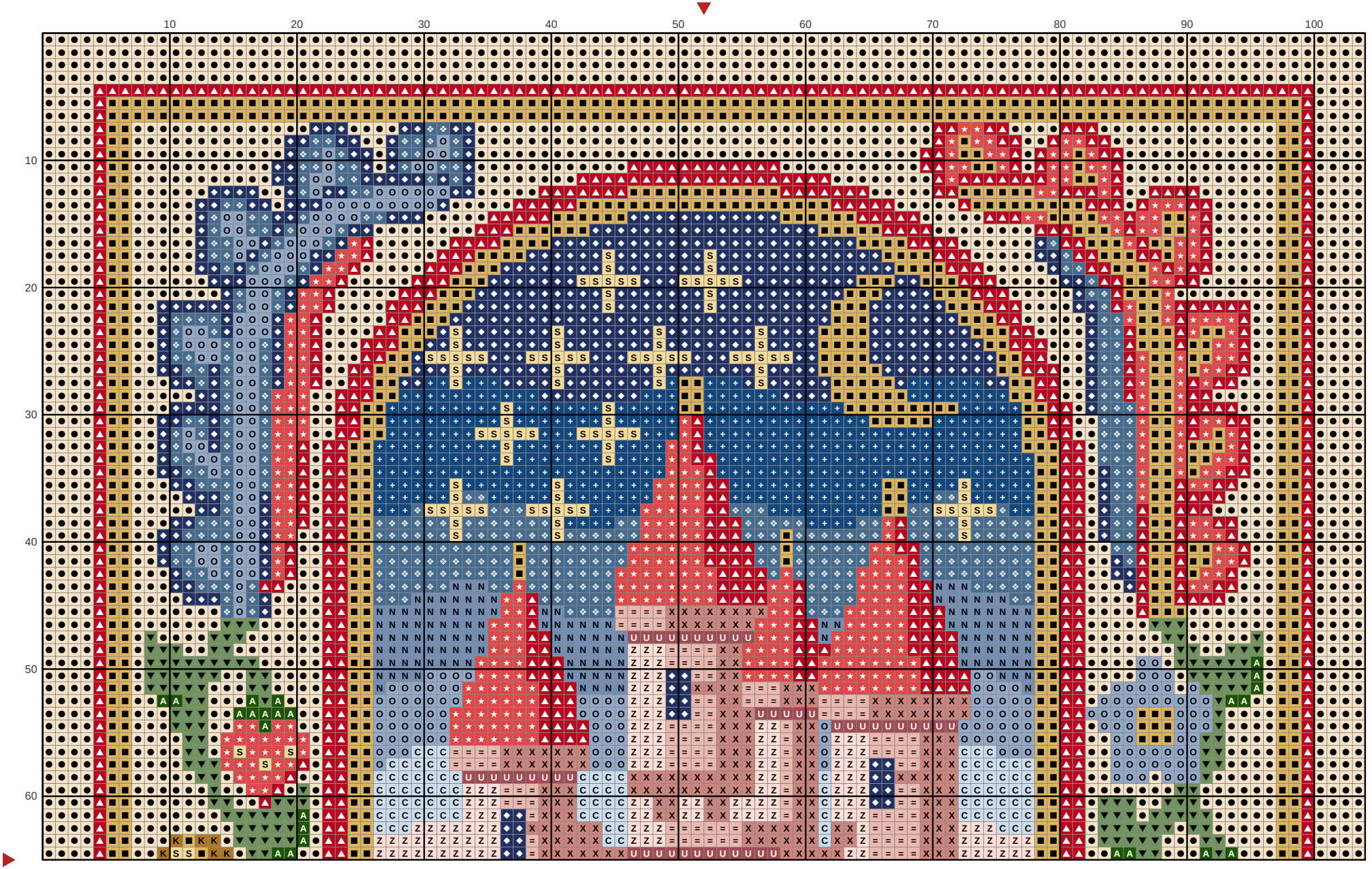

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 104, rows 66 to 130; gray squares repeat rows 64 and 65

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