Horse Christmas stocking

Needlepoint pattern | 143 x 234 stitches | 11 x 18 in (27.9 x 45.7 cm) on 13 mesh | 24 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	3753	Ultra Very Light Antique Blue	3,797	36	6
■	712	Cream	3,739	36	6
▲	310	Black	2,467	24	4
◆	3752	Very Light Antique Blue	1,289	13	2
▼	BLANC	White	1,240	12	2
★	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	1,191	12	2
❖	336	Navy Blue	1,105	11	2
X	3750	Very Dark Antique Blue	895	9	2
O	501	Dark Blue Green	800	8	2
+	797	Royal Blue	753	8	2
=	677	Very Light Old Gold	705	7	2
Z	3790	Ultra Dark Beige Gray	703	7	2
A	500	Very Dark Blue Green	695	7	2
V	931	Medium Antique Blue	554	6	1
T	312	Very Dark Baby Blue	500	5	1
N	3782	Light Mocha Brown	481	5	1
S	3021	Very Dark Brown Gray	444	5	1
K	322	Dark Baby Blue	435	5	1
E	3755	Baby Blue	388	4	1
C	498	Dark Red	211	2	1
P	780	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	194	2	1
U	321	Red	172	2	1
L	725	Medium Light Topaz	111	2	1
2	503	Medium Blue Green	51	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 15 x 22 in (38.1 x 55.9 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

22,920 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 143 x 234 at its widest and tallest. 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 4 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 47 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 29 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 38 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 30 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 229 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 stocking: also have backing and lining fabric, cord or piping, and a loop. Finishers ask for stockings months before Christmas, and most want two extra rows all round. Ask yours before the edge, and stitch a name first. "How to finish a stocking" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

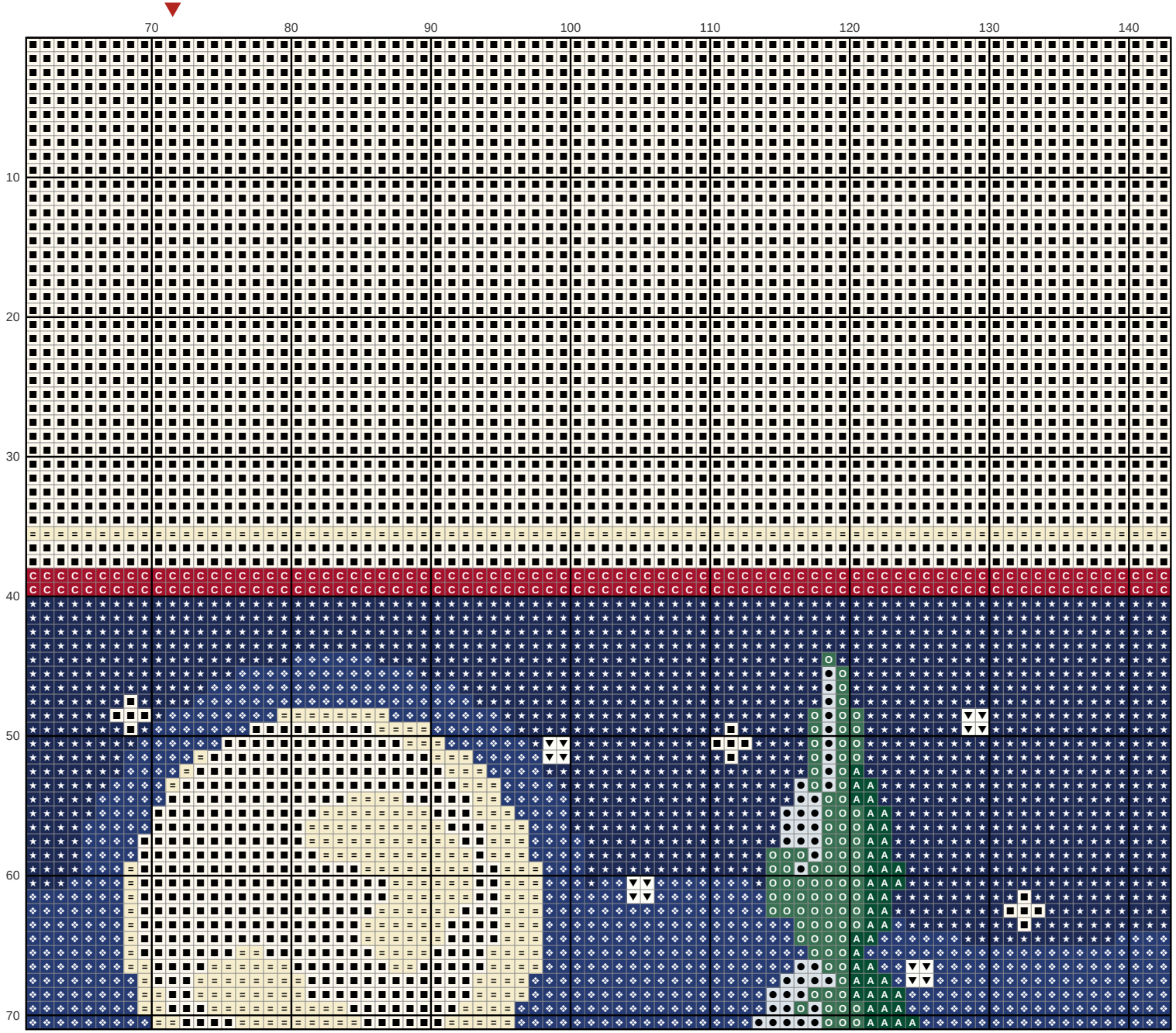
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Chart 1 of 4: columns 62 to 143, rows 1 to 71

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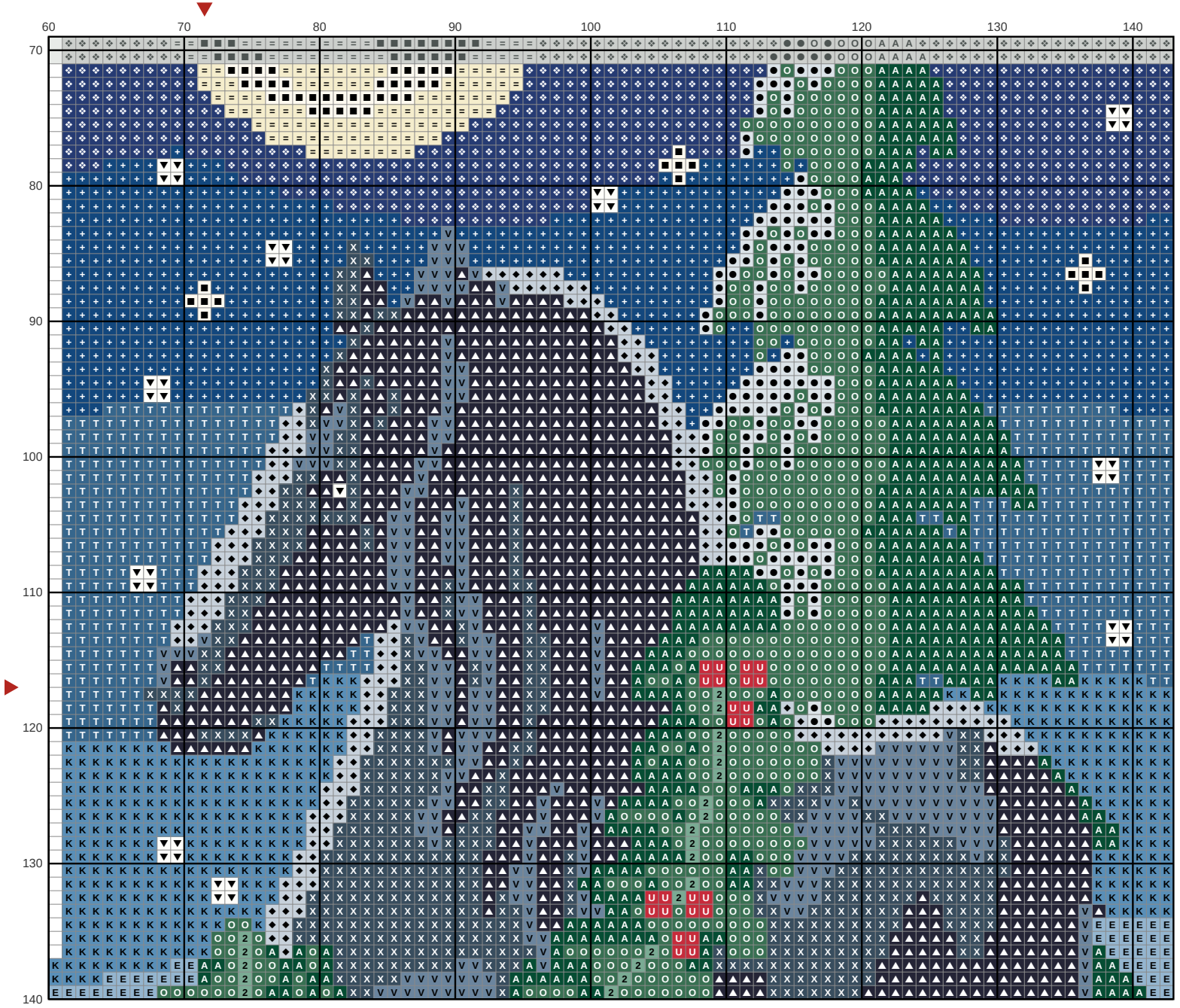


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Chart 2 of 4: columns 61 to 143, rows 72 to 140; gray squares repeat rows 70 and 71

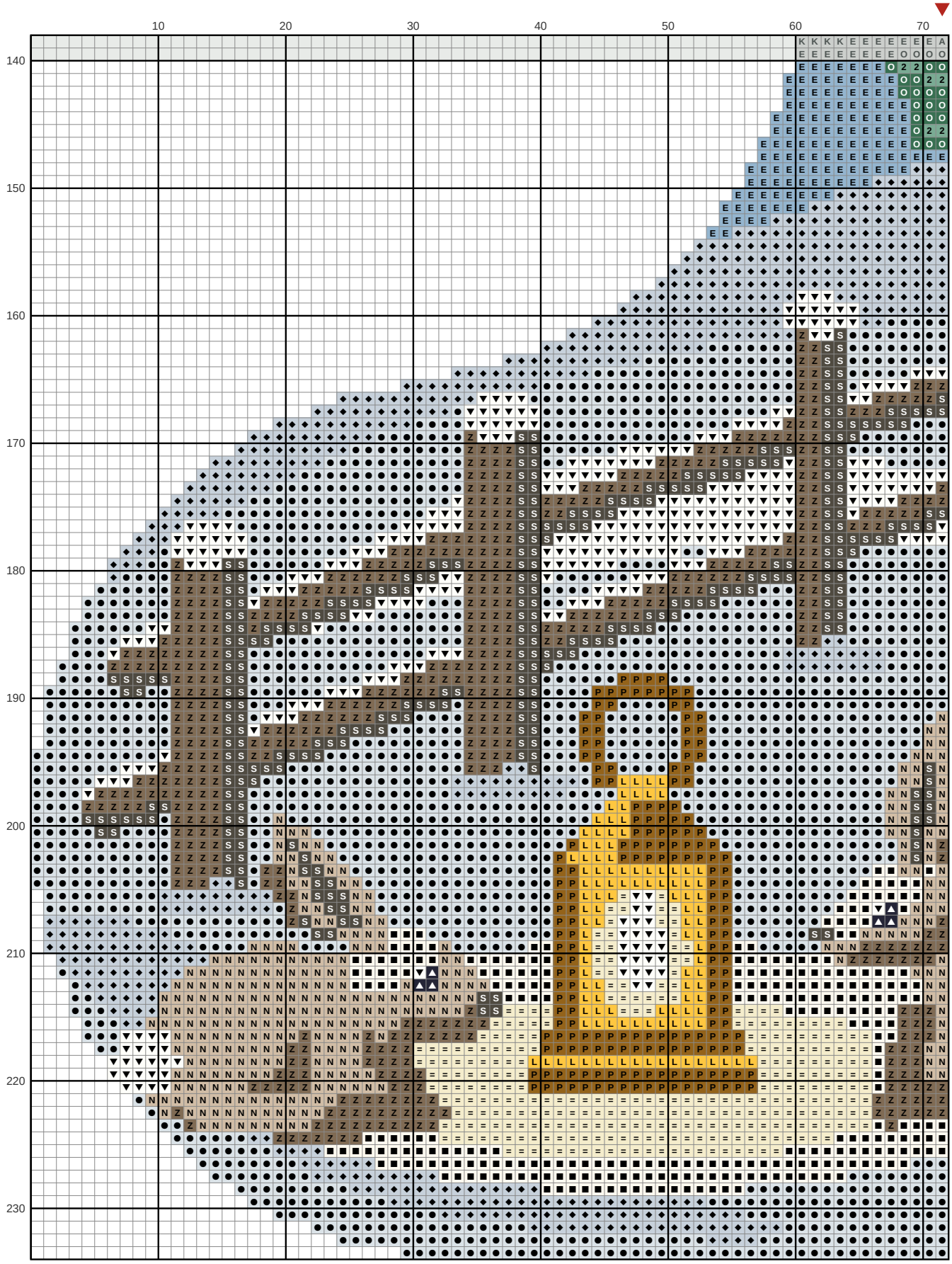


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Chart 3 of 4: columns 1 to 72, rows 141 to 234; gray squares repeat rows 139 and 140



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Chart 4 of 4: columns 73 to 143, rows 141 to 234; gray squares repeat columns 71 and 72 and rows 139 and 140

