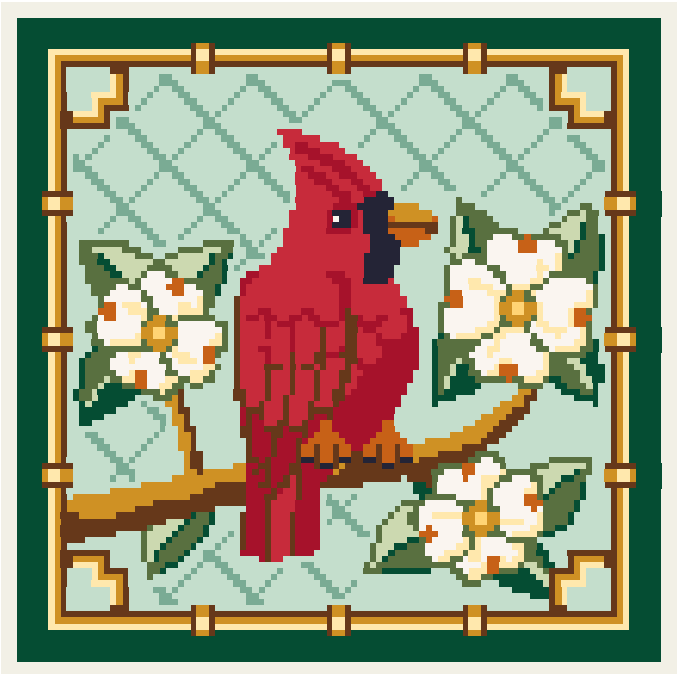
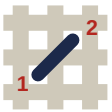
Cardinal on a dogwood branch

Needlepoint pattern | 104 x 104 stitches | 8 x 8 in (20.3 x 20.3 cm) on 13 mesh | 14 colors



How to read the chart



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2: basketweave for the background, continental for lines.
2. Bind the edges. Cut 18 in of thread; start and end it without a knot left behind.
3. Mark the middle of the canvas. It is the outlined square on page 2 (DMC 321): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Picture first, then border, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. A heavier line stands every ten squares: count by them.
6. When it is done, block it square.

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You will need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 12 x 12 in (30.5 x 30.5 cm).

Needle: tapestry, size 20. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 7 strands in the needle, six of one length and one of the next (8 if canvas shows), about 23 skeins in all (an estimate).

Make it a pillow: backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. The seam takes two rows: stitch two extra rows all round in DMC 500, the color at its edge. With those rows it takes 5 skeins of DMC 500, not 4. How to finish a pillow.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**504**	Very Light Blue Green	3,319	5
■	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	2,165	4
▲	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	933	2
◆	**783**	Medium Topaz	694	2
▼	**987**	Dark Forest Green	643	1
★	**321**	Red	630	1
❖	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	615	1
X	**3865**	Winter White	539	1
O	**503**	Medium Blue Green	438	1
+	**498**	Dark Red	423	1
=	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	167	1
Z	**921**	Copper	149	1
A	**310**	Black	89	1
V	**743**	Medium Yellow	12	1

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.

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

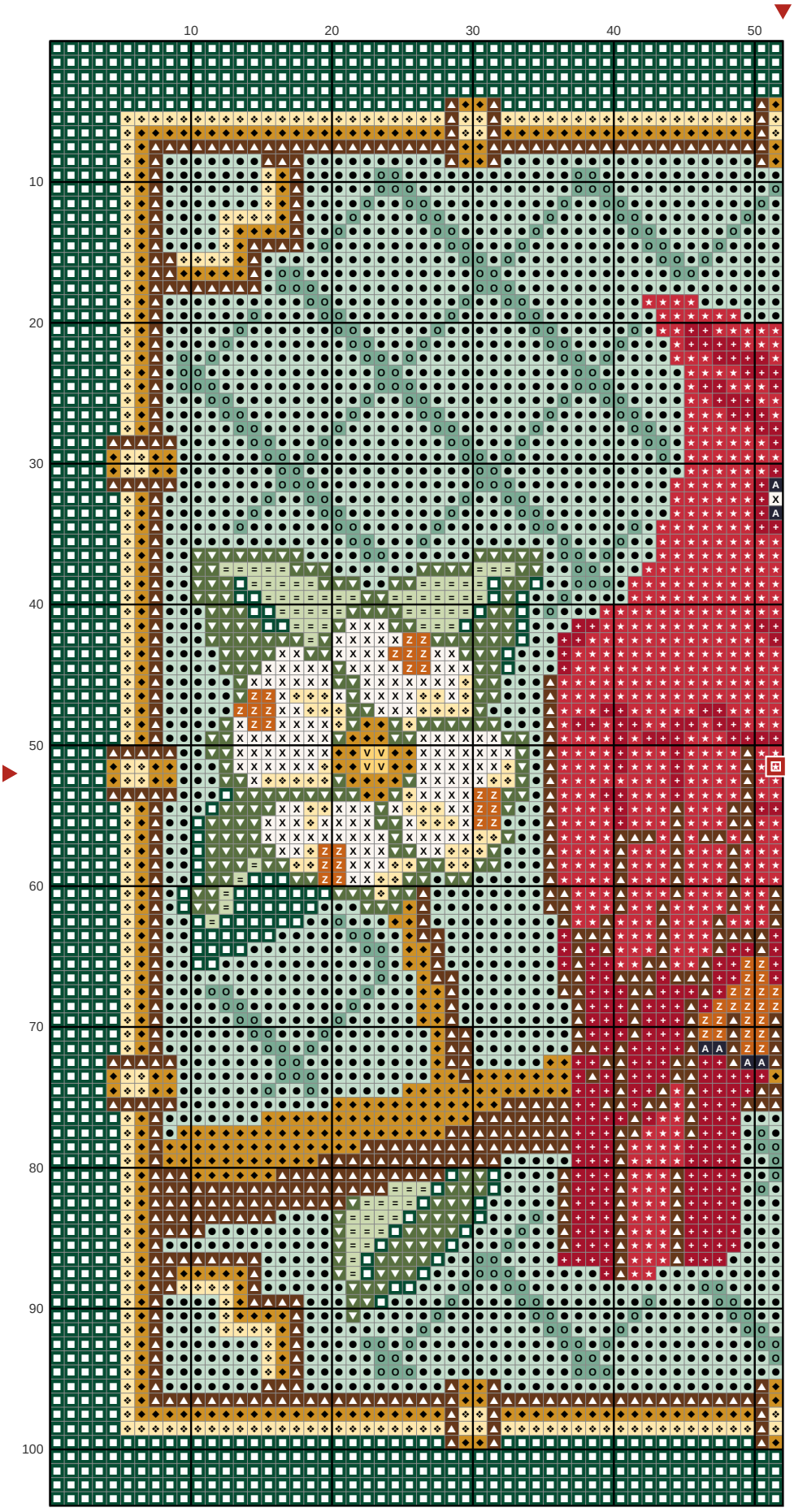
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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 52, rows 1 to 104. Start at the red outline

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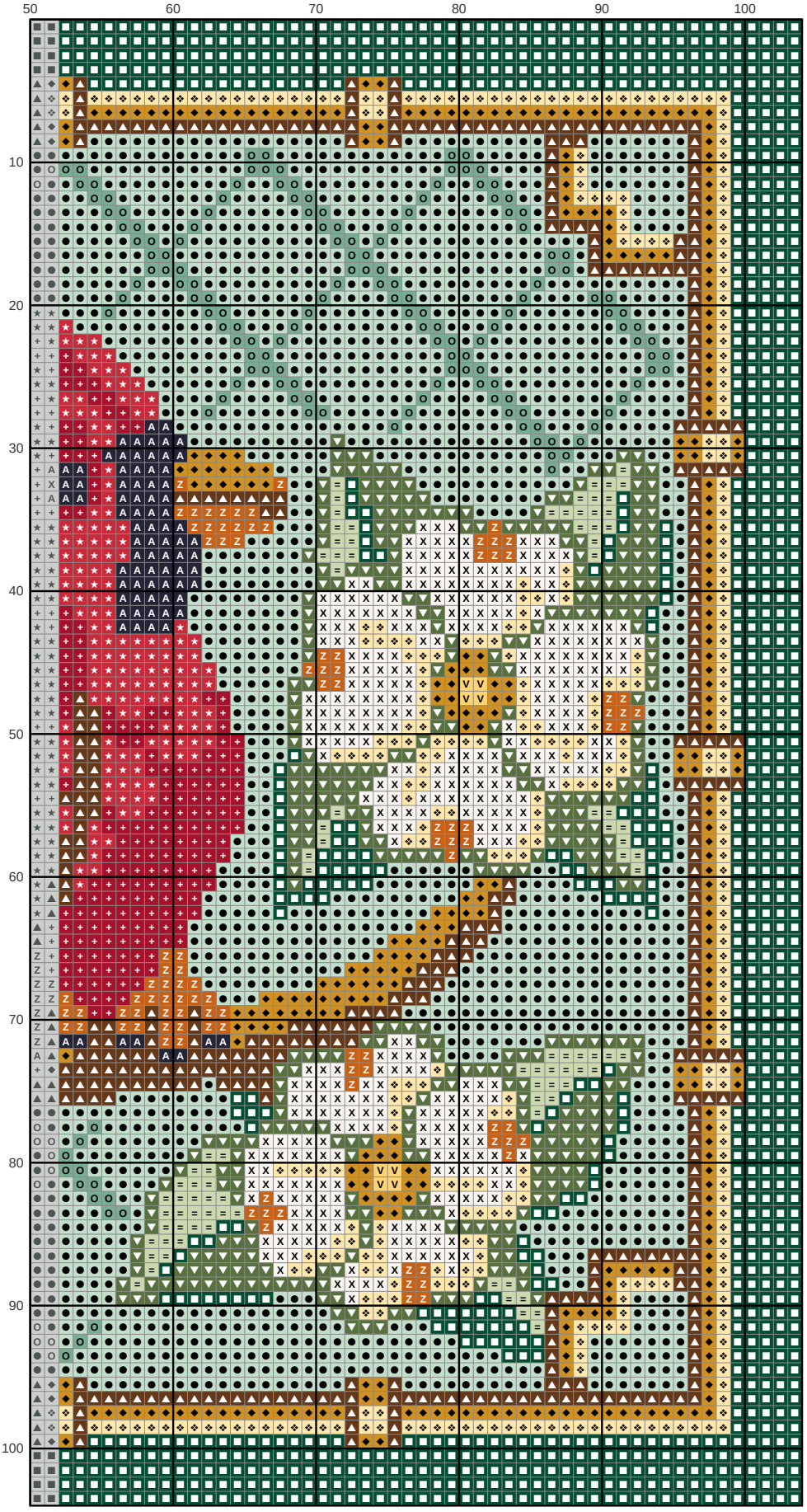
- ● **DMC 504** Very Light Blue Green
- ■ **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- ▲ **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- ◆ **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- ▼ **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green
- ★ **DMC 321** Red
- ❖ **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- X **DMC 3865** Winter White
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Chart 2 of 2: columns 53 to 104, rows 1 to 104. Gray squares repeat columns 51 and 52: do not stitch them twice



Key

●	DMC 504	Very Light Blue Green
■	DMC 500	Very Dark Blue Green
▲	DMC 801	Dark Coffee Brown
◆	DMC 783	Medium Topaz
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