Mahjong bag with a bird and peonies

Needlepoint pattern | 126 x 72 stitches | 7 x 4 in (17.8 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 18 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	720	Dark Orange Spice	3,948	28	4
■	712	Cream	801	6	1
▲	505	Jade Green	583	4	1
◆	563	Light Jade	380	3	1
▼	3834	Dark Grape	379	3	1
★	962	Medium Dusty Rose	352	3	1
❖	721	Medium Orange Spice	340	3	1
X	500	Very Dark Blue Green	302	3	1
O	738	Very Light Tan	299	3	1
+	820	Very Dark Royal Blue	288	2	1
=	797	Royal Blue	273	2	1
Z	819	Light Baby Pink	232	2	1
A	3716	Very Light Rose	219	2	1
V	3803	Dark Mauve	216	2	1
T	799	Medium Delft Blue	204	2	1
N	321	Red	96	1	1
S	3820	Dark Straw	85	1	1
K	310	Black	75	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 11 x 8 in (27.9 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

9,072 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.

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Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 21 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 18 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 19 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 71 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.

When it is stitched: also have a finisher, or the fabric and cord to make it up yourself. Ask before you stitch the edge: some finishes take extra rows. "Ways to finish needlepoint" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

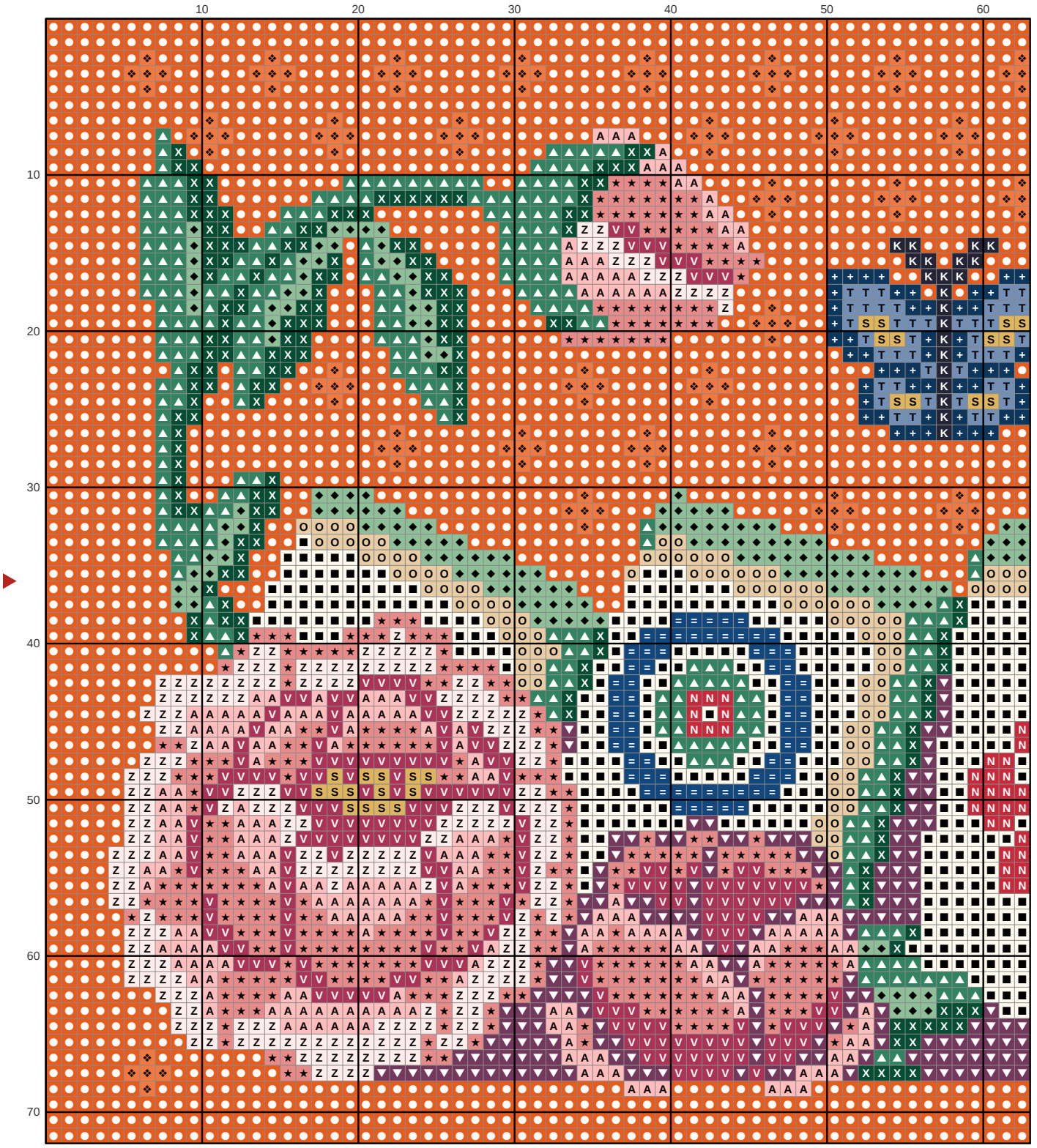
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Chart 2 of 2: columns 64 to 126, rows 1 to 72; gray squares repeat columns 62 and 63

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