Blue crab on the sand

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 90 stitches | 5 x 5 in (12.7 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 18 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	823	Dark Navy Blue	1,585	11	2
■	738	Very Light Tan	1,569	11	2
▲	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	1,105	8	1
◆	436	Tan	834	6	1
▼	437	Light Tan	539	4	1
★	598	Light Turquoise	358	3	1
❖	3325	Light Baby Blue	357	3	1
X	433	Medium Brown	351	3	1
O	322	Dark Baby Blue	311	3	1
+	597	Turquoise	300	3	1
=	312	Very Dark Baby Blue	200	2	1
Z	352	Light Coral	162	2	1
A	351	Coral	131	1	1
V	3810	Dark Turquoise	112	1	1
T	349	Dark Coral	87	1	1
N	3808	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	69	1	1
S	815	Medium Garnet	28	1	1
K	BLANC	White	2	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 9 x 9 in (22.9 x 22.9 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

8,100 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 20 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 18 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 65 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.

Fit it into a lid: also have the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first and add a row or two of background to sit under its edge. "How to fit it into a lid" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 45, rows 1 to 90

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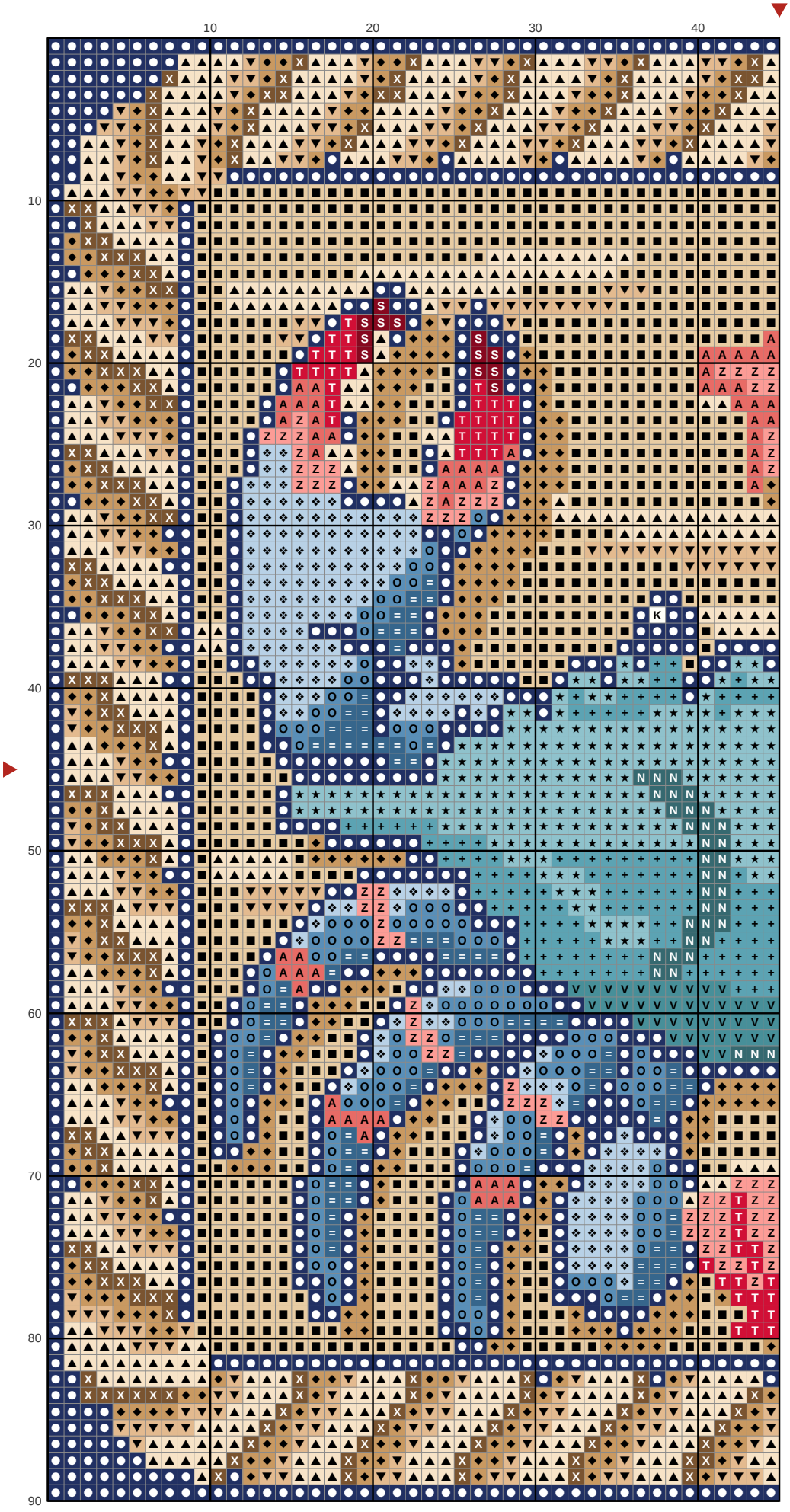

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 46 to 90, rows 1 to 90; gray squares repeat columns 44 and 45

