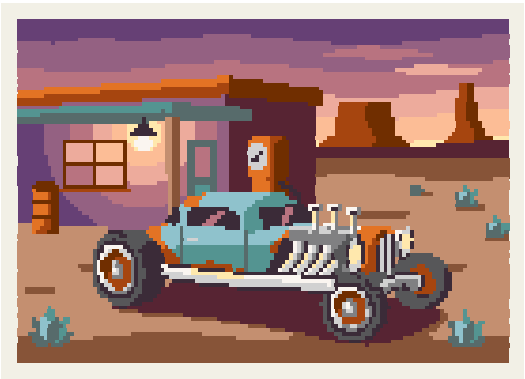
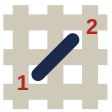
Rat rod at the old gas station

Needlepoint pattern | 130 x 91 stitches | 10 x 7 in (25.4 x 17.8 cm) on 13 mesh | 20 colors



How to stitch it



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2. Lines in continental, right to left, the canvas upside down for the next row; wide areas in basketweave.
2. 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, column 65, row 46 (DMC 922): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: the seam hides them.

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How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 14.5 in wide x 11.5 in high (36.8 x 29.2 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 20 colors, about 28 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 7 strands (8 if canvas shows).

Make it a pillow: backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. How to finish a pillow.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	3064	Desert Sand	1,822	3
■	632	Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	1,252	3
▲	3835	Medium Grape	1,238	2
◆	154	Very Dark Grape	1,133	2
▼	316	Medium Antique Mauve	942	2
★	29	Eggplant	927	2
❖	3371	Black Brown	614	1
X	919	Red Copper	515	1
H	300	Very Dark Mahogany	474	1
+	758	Very Light Terra Cotta	424	1
=	924	Very Dark Gray Green	414	1
Z	3848	Medium Teal Green	335	1
A	413	Dark Pewter Gray	290	1
V	3825	Pale Pumpkin	279	1
T	922	Light Copper	260	1
N	598	Light Turquoise	255	1
S	168	Very Light Pewter	253	1
K	414	Dark Steel Gray	165	1
E	3865	Winter White	124	1
C	745	Light Pale Yellow	114	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: 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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Columns 1 to 69, rows 1 to 91. Start at the red outline

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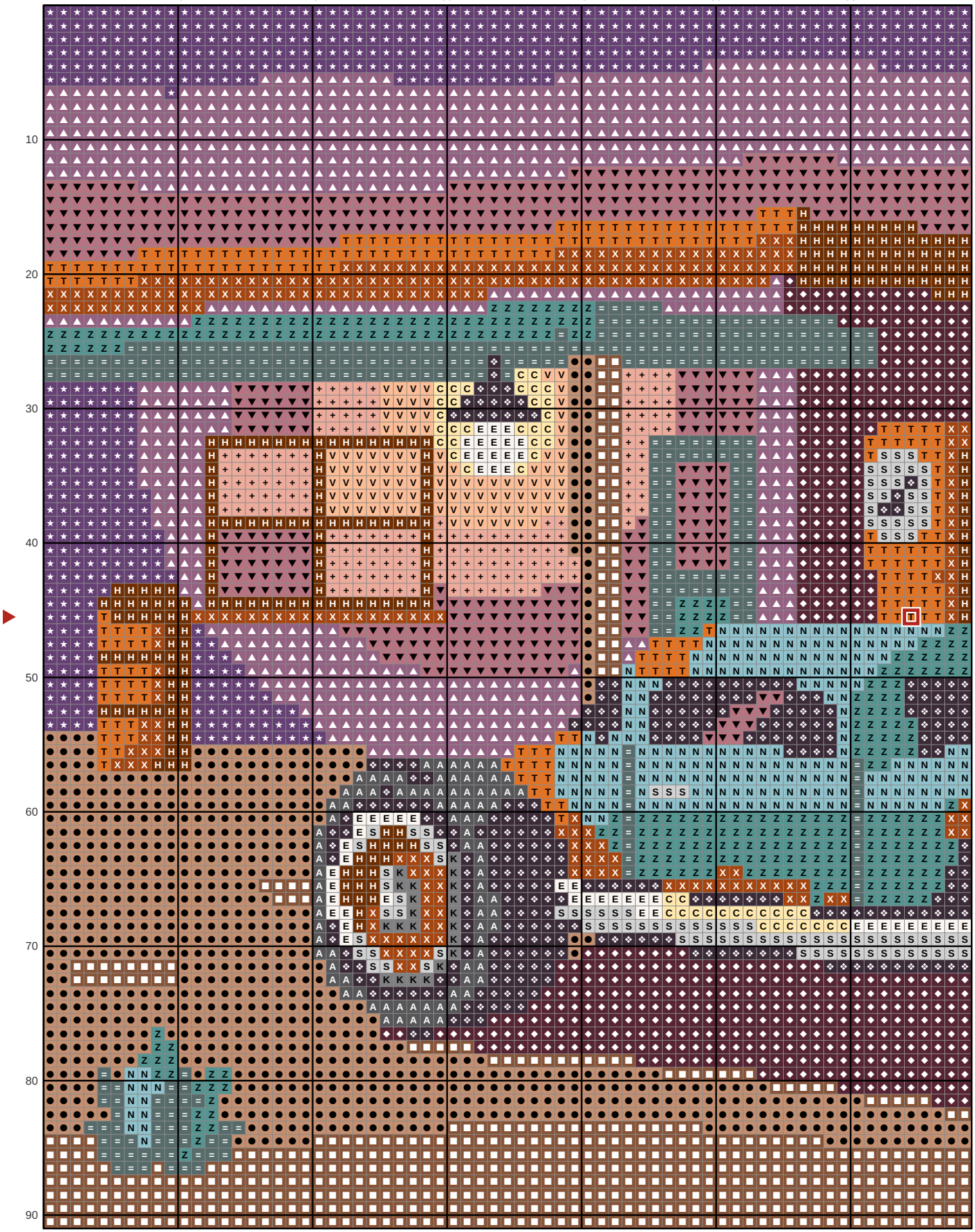

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Columns 70 to 130, rows 1 to 91. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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