Classic pintail duck

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 11 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 931**	Medium Antique Blue	2,703	19	3
+	**DMC 797**	Royal Blue	1,228	9	1
=	**DMC 825**	Dark Blue	297	3	1
▼	**DMC BLANC**	White	253	2	1
O	**DMC 414**	Dark Steel Gray	235	2	1
★	**DMC 310**	Black	166	2	1
X	**DMC 415**	Pearl Gray	154	2	1
□	**DMC 433**	Medium Brown	67	1	1
△	**DMC 898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	57	1	1
◆	**DMC 435**	Very Light Brown	12	1	1
❖	**DMC 800**	Pale Delft Blue	12	1	1

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

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

5,184 stitches in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 13 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 11 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 11 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 43 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 an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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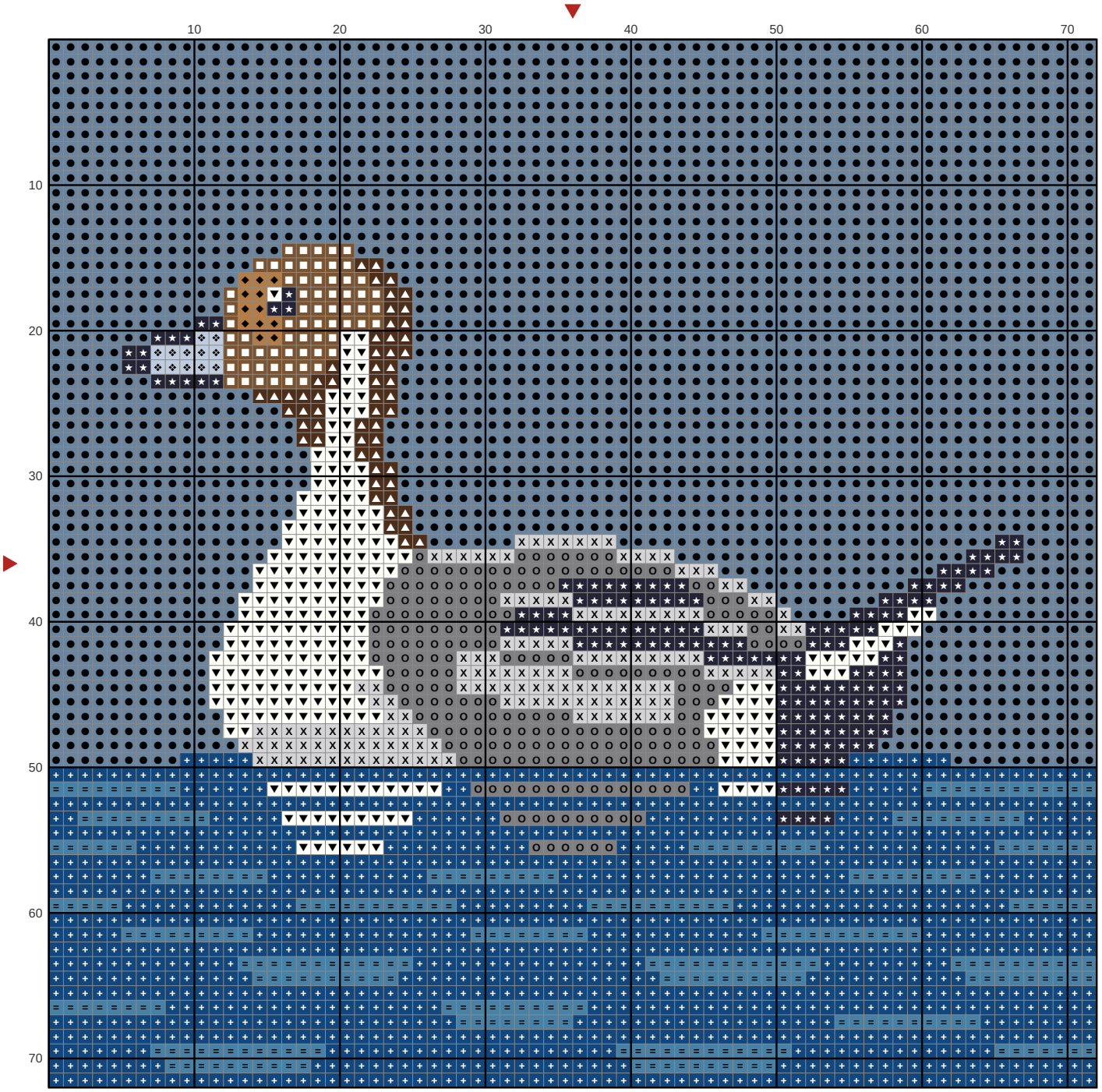
Chart: 72 x 72 stitches



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