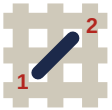
Classic bluefin tuna in deep water

Needlepoint pattern | 140 x 140 stitches | 14 x 14 in (35.6 x 35.6 cm) on 10 mesh | 23 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 70, row 70 (DMC 799): 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.

First time? How to needlepoint: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-start/
How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 10 mesh (10 threads to the inch), cut 18.5 in square (47 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 18. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: pearl cotton size 3, 23 colors, about 45 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 2 lengths together.

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
●	**598**	Light Turquoise	2,971	5
■	**311**	Medium Navy Blue	2,349	4
▲	**3811**	Very Light Turquoise	2,244	4
◆	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	2,097	4
▼	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,985	4
★	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	1,921	3
❖	**597**	Turquoise	1,671	3
X	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	1,471	3
H	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	597	1
+	**BLANC**	White	446	1
=	**747**	Very Light Sky Blue	274	1
Z	**762**	Very Light Pearl Gray	219	1
A	**932**	Light Antique Blue	215	1
V	**931**	Medium Antique Blue	184	1
T	**3752**	Very Light Antique Blue	183	1
N	**726**	Light Topaz	152	1
S	**797**	Royal Blue	147	1
K	**799**	Medium Delft Blue	127	1
E	**798**	Dark Delft Blue	115	1
C	**336**	Navy Blue	113	1
P	**225**	Ultra Very Light Shell Pink	90	1
U	**677**	Very Light Old Gold	16	1
L	**783**	Medium Topaz	13	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 10 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 74, rows 1 to 74. Start at the red outline

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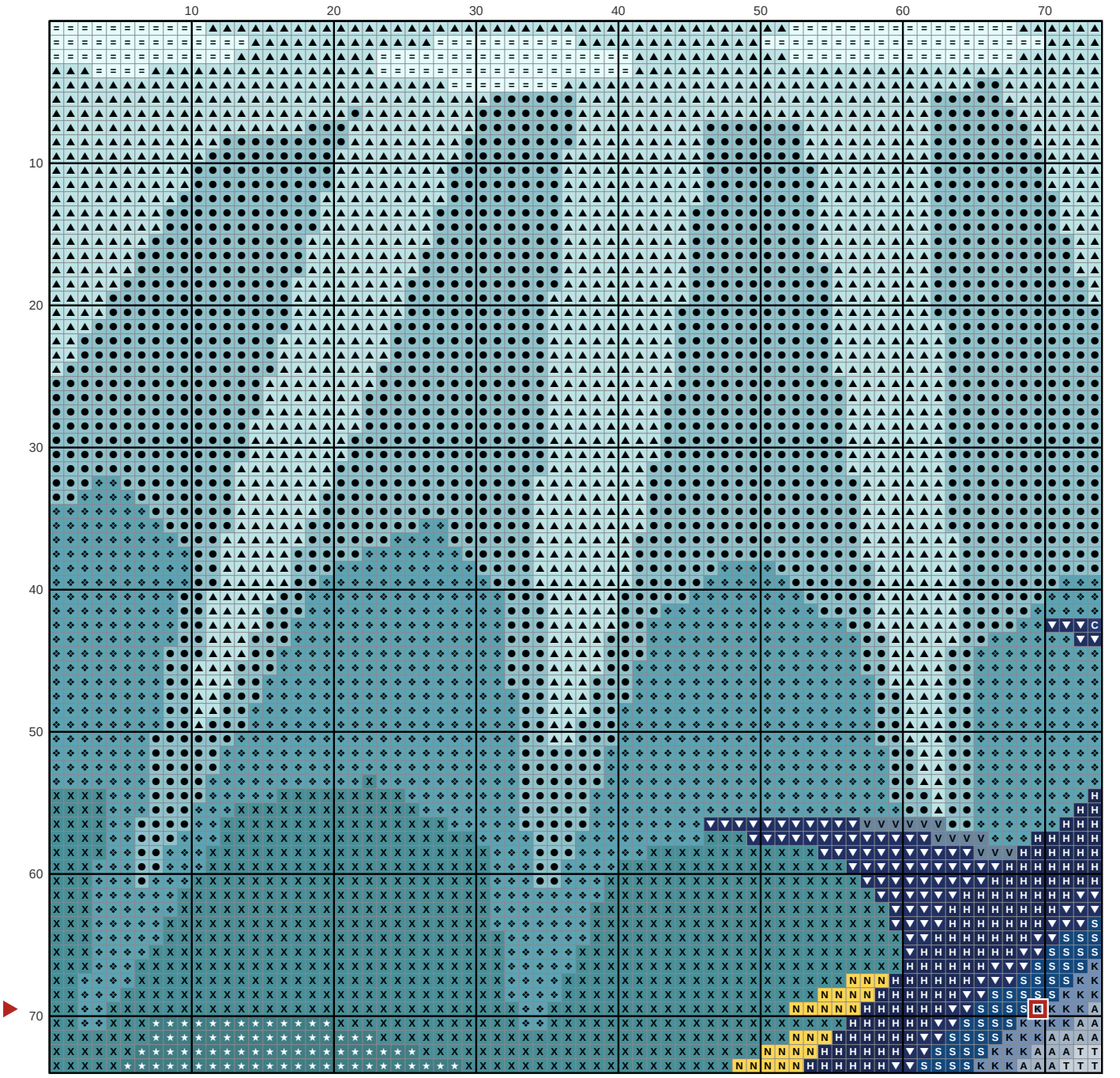

Key

- ● **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- ▲ **DMC 3811** Very Light Turquoise
- ▼ **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
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- ❖ **DMC 597** Turquoise
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- V **DMC 931** Medium Antique Blue
- T **DMC 3752** Very Light Antique Blue
- N **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- S **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- K **DMC 799** Medium Delft Blue
- C **DMC 336** Navy Blue

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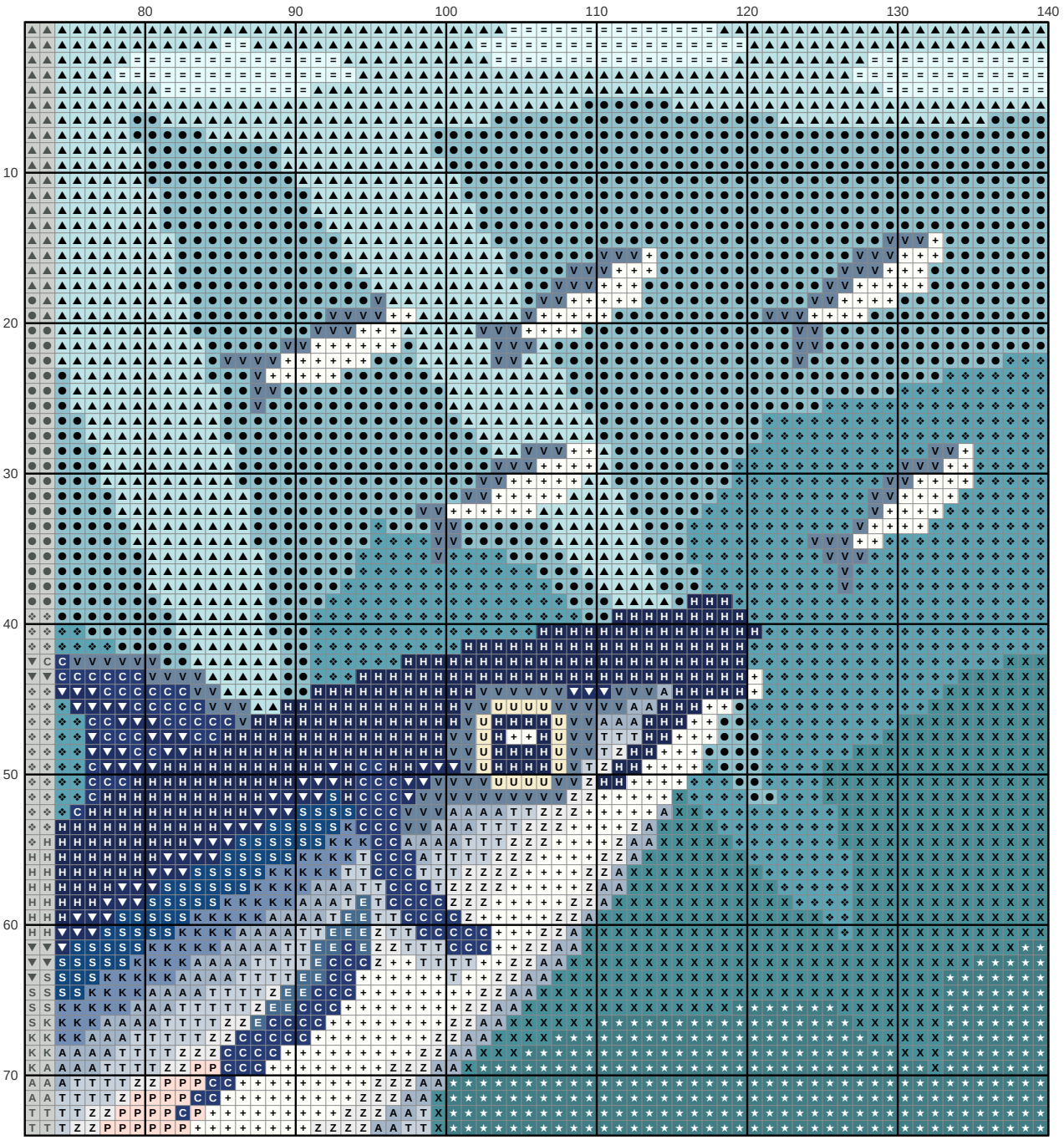

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- K **DMC 799** Medium Delft Blue
- E **DMC 798** Dark Delft Blue
- C **DMC 336** Navy Blue
- P **DMC 225** Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
- U **DMC 677** Very Light Old Gold

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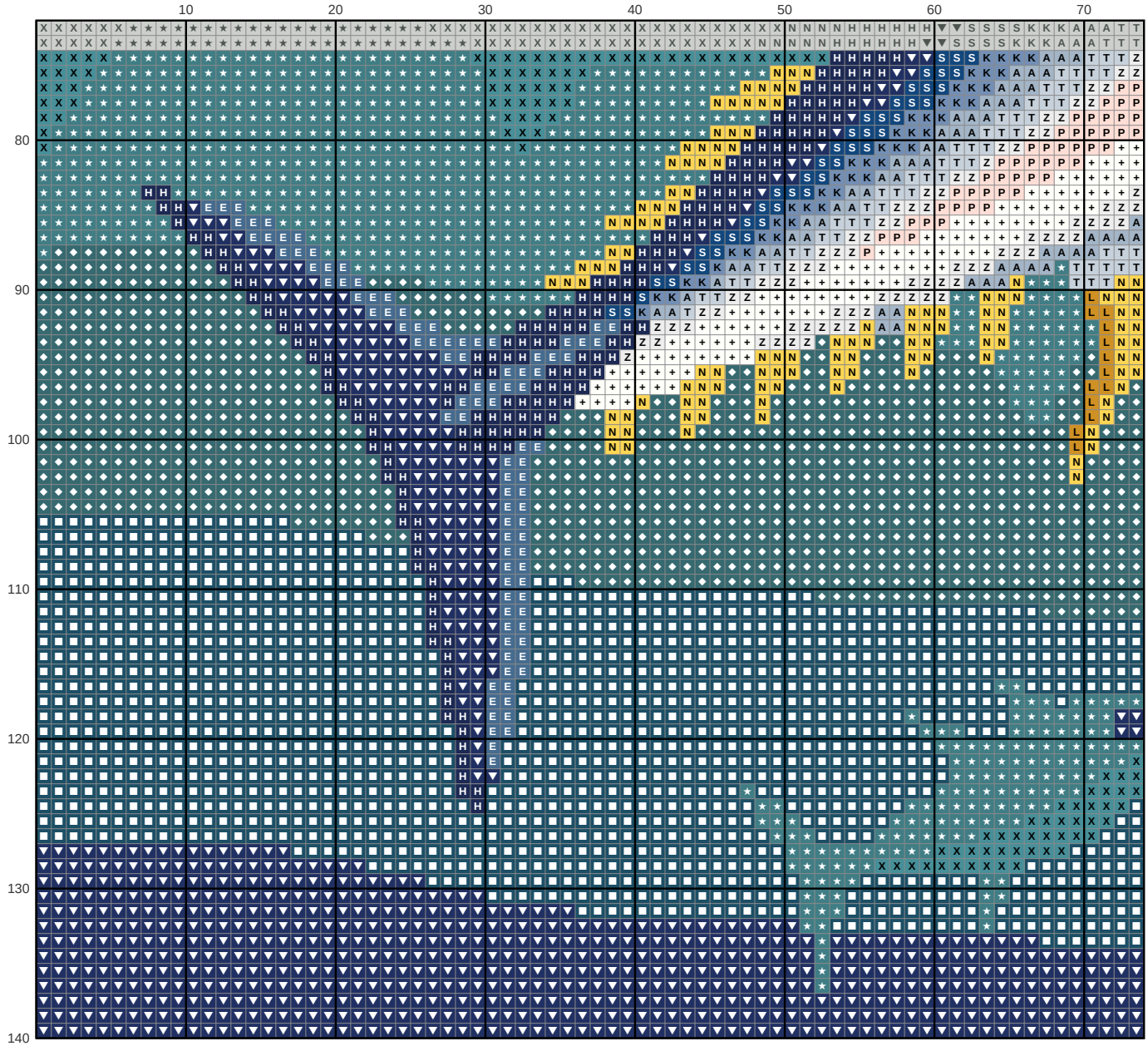

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- **DMC 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 762** Very Light Pearl Gray
- **DMC 932** Light Antique Blue
- **DMC 3752** Very Light Antique Blue
- **DMC 726** Light Topaz
- **DMC 797** Royal Blue
- **DMC 799** Medium Delft Blue
- **DMC 798** Dark Delft Blue
- **DMC 225** Ultra Very Light Shell Pink
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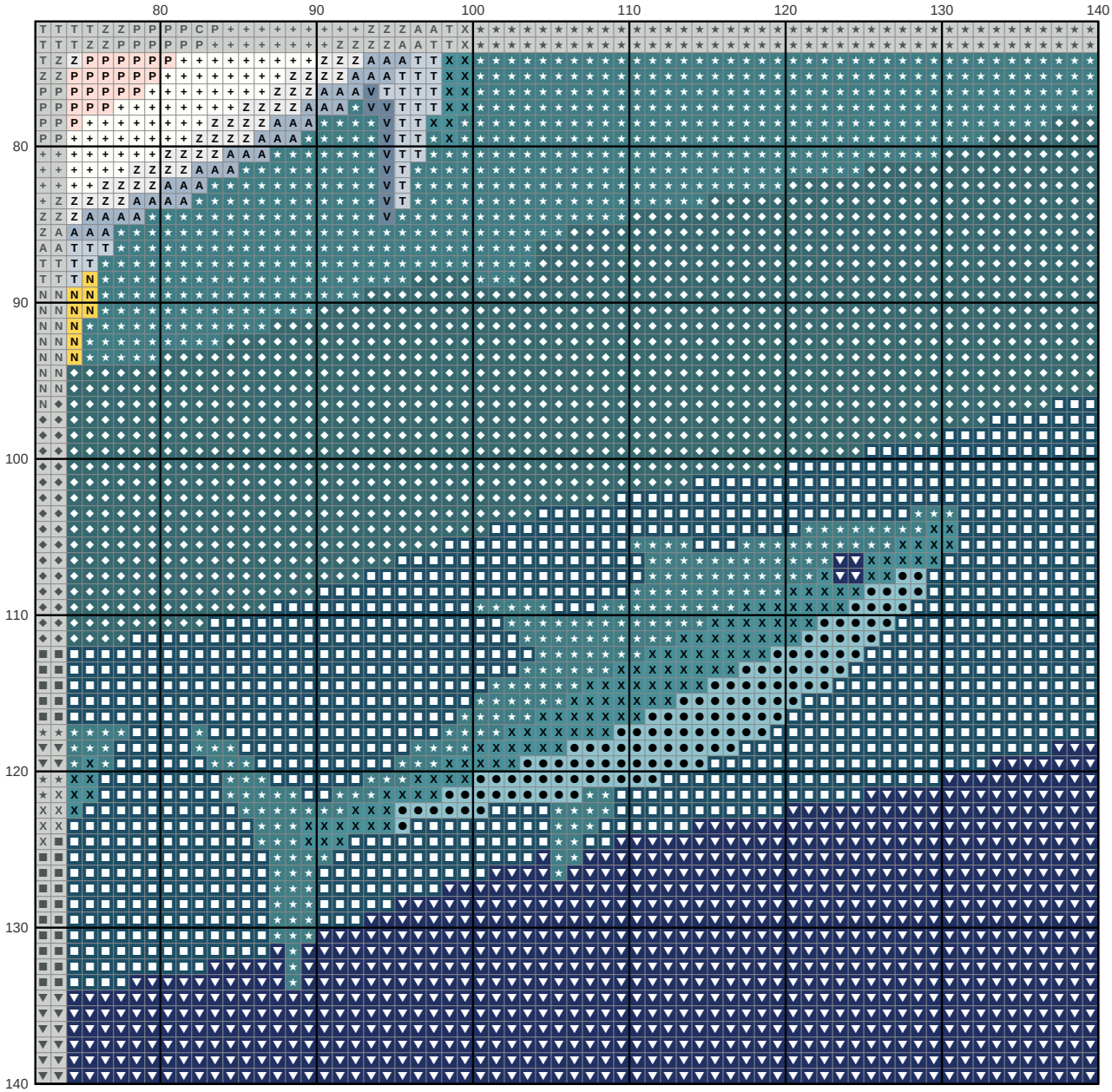

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