Teacher retirement, the last school day

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 126 stitches | 5 x 7 in (12.7 x 17.8 cm) on 18 mesh | 20 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	986	Very Dark Forest Green	1,974	14	2
■	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	1,300	9	2
▲	743	Medium Yellow	1,052	8	1
◆	745	Light Pale Yellow	1,035	8	1
▼	352	Light Coral	854	6	1
★	648	Light Beaver Gray	761	6	1
❖	988	Medium Forest Green	741	6	1
X	472	Ultra Light Avocado Green	513	4	1
O	646	Dark Beaver Gray	439	4	1
+	3731	Very Dark Dusty Rose	427	3	1
=	3865	Winter White	423	3	1
Z	322	Dark Baby Blue	416	3	1
A	801	Dark Coffee Brown	305	3	1
V	351	Coral	293	3	1
T	349	Dark Coral	196	2	1
N	340	Medium Blue Violet	160	2	1
S	333	Very Dark Blue Violet	159	2	1
K	3325	Light Baby Blue	145	1	1
E	434	Light Brown	89	1	1
C	977	Light Golden Brown	58	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 9 x 11 in (22.9 x 27.9 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

11,340 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.

The chart is on 2 pages, each cut to what is stitched: bare canvas has no page, and a join falls on plain ground where it can. Pages 2 and 3 are turned on their side, for a part that is wider than it is tall. Where chart pages join, gray squares repeat two rows. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 22 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 20 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 20 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 89 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.

Frame it: also have acid-free board and a frame. "How to frame needlepoint" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

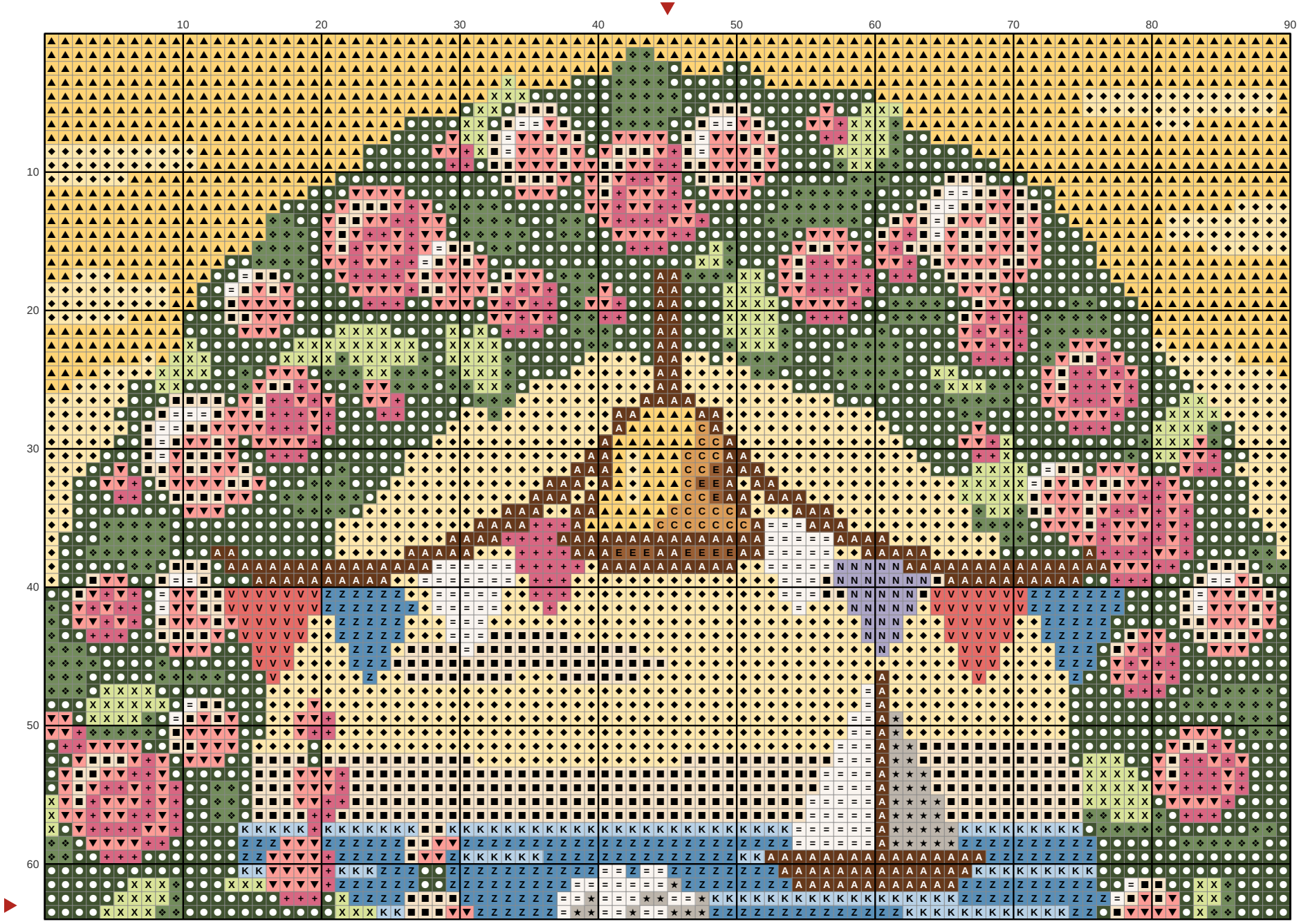
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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 1 to 64

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 65 to 126; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

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