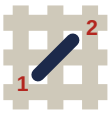
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Needlepoint pattern | 162 x 169 stitches | 16.2 x 16.9 in (41.1 x 42.9 cm) on 10 mesh | 24 colors



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 5, column 81, row 85 (DMC 823): 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 in DMC 746: 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 21 in wide x 21.5 in high (53.3 x 54.6 cm).

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

Thread: pearl cotton size 3, 24 colors, about 57 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
●	**746**	Off White	18,773	31
■	**3345**	Dark Hunter Green	1,013	2
▲	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	821	2
◆	**841**	Light Beige Brown	693	2
▼	**840**	Medium Beige Brown	646	1
★	**3347**	Medium Yellow Green	474	1
❖	**415**	Pearl Gray	447	1
X	**322**	Dark Baby Blue	428	1
H	**3031**	Very Dark Mocha Brown	382	1
+	**3827**	Pale Golden Brown	382	1
=	**842**	Very Light Beige Brown	340	1
Z	**318**	Light Steel Gray	331	1
A	**3781**	Dark Mocha Brown	322	1
V	**413**	Dark Pewter Gray	294	1
T	**938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	284	1
N	**922**	Light Copper	246	1
S	**3830**	Terra Cotta	237	1
K	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	233	1
E	**3853**	Dark Autumn Gold	225	1
C	**3820**	Dark Straw	190	1
P	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	167	1
U	**300**	Very Dark Mahogany	167	1
L	**3777**	Very Dark Terra Cotta	146	1
2	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	137	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.

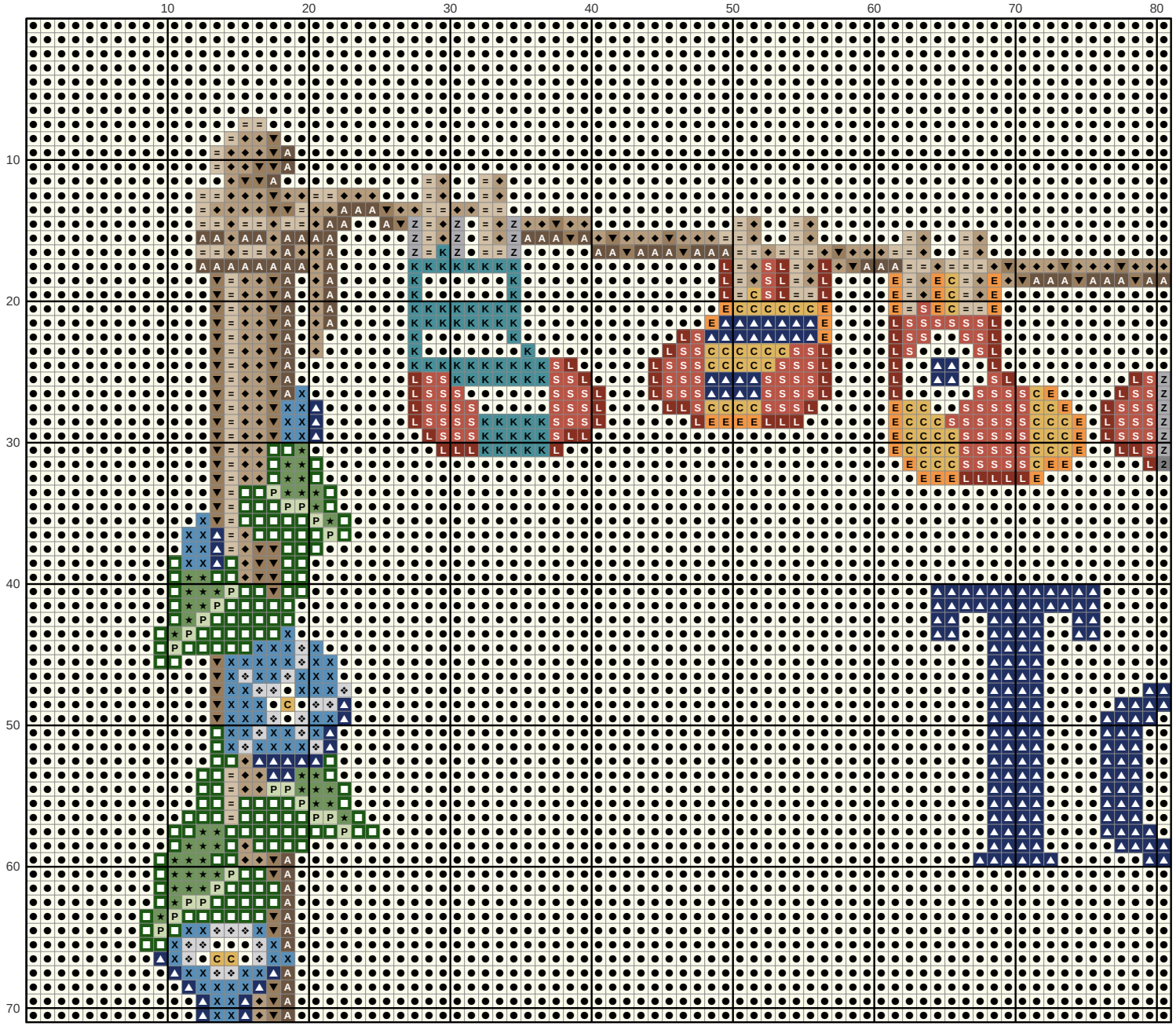
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Columns 1 to 81, rows 1 to 71

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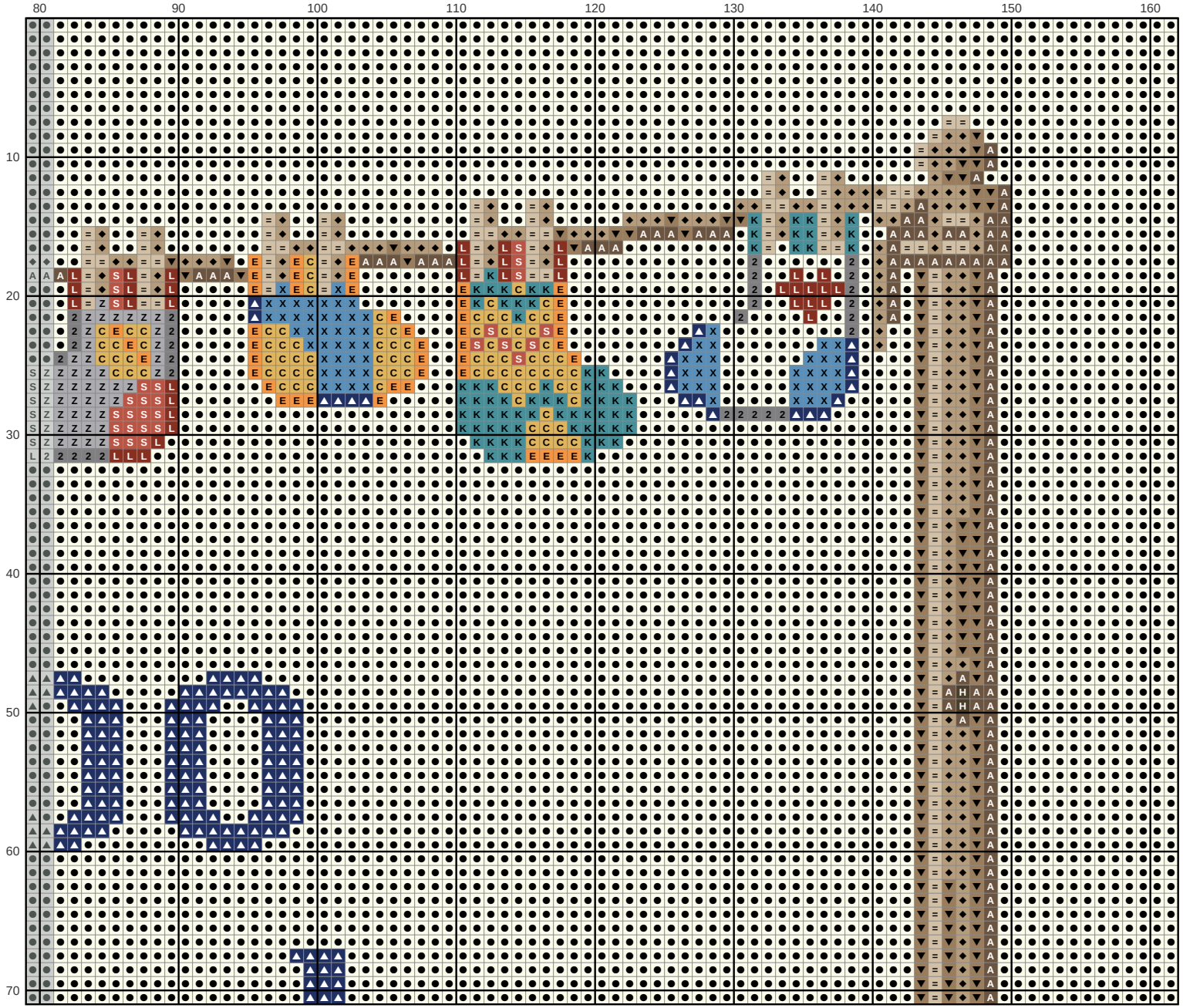
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- DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue
- DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown
- DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
- DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown
- DMC 3830 Terra Cotta
- DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
- DMC 3853 Dark Autumn Gold
- DMC 3820 Dark Straw
- DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
- DMC 3777 Very Dark Terra Cotta
- DMC 414 Dark Steel Gray

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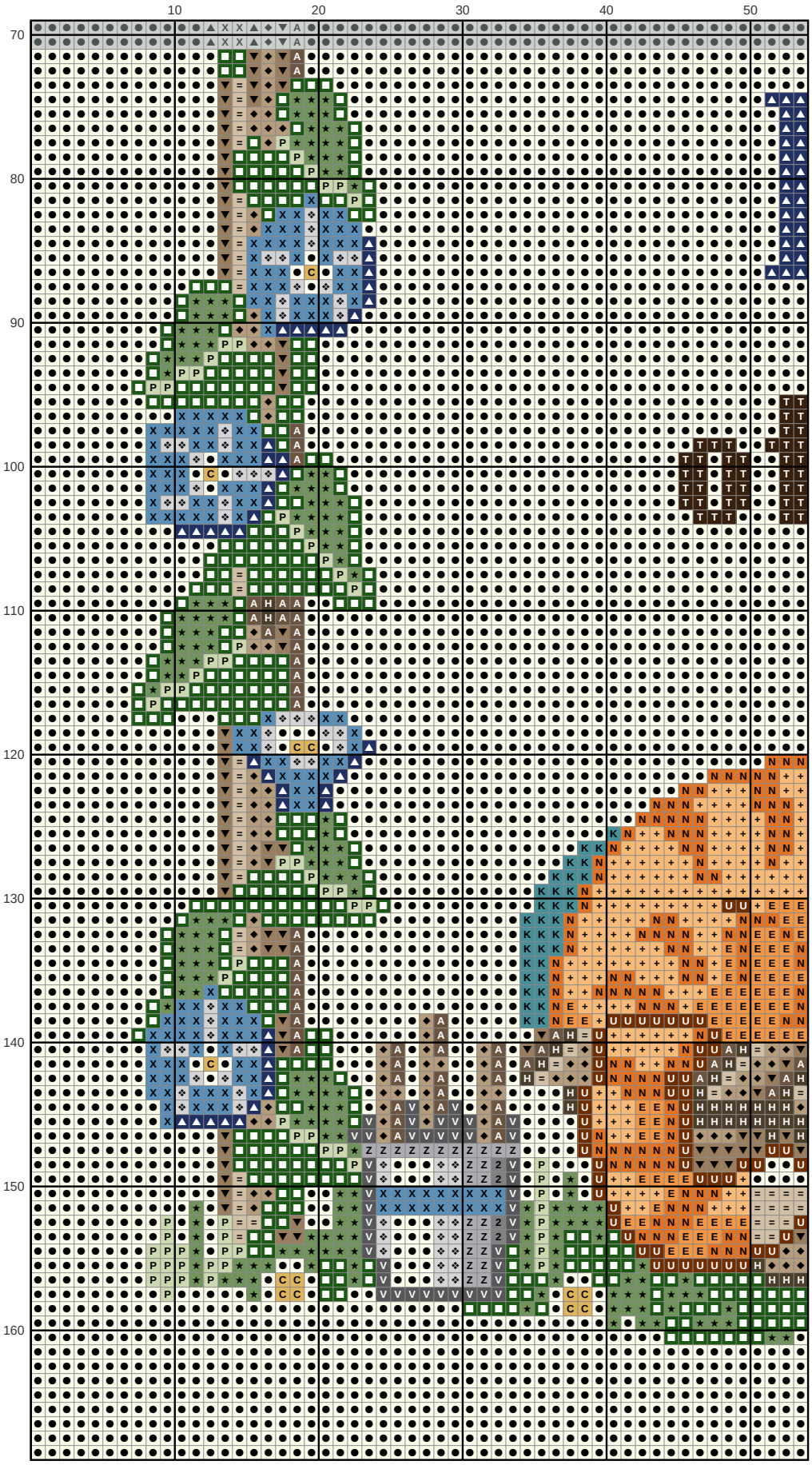
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- E **DMC 3853** Dark Autumn Gold
- C **DMC 3820** Dark Straw
- P **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- U **DMC 300** Very Dark Mahogany
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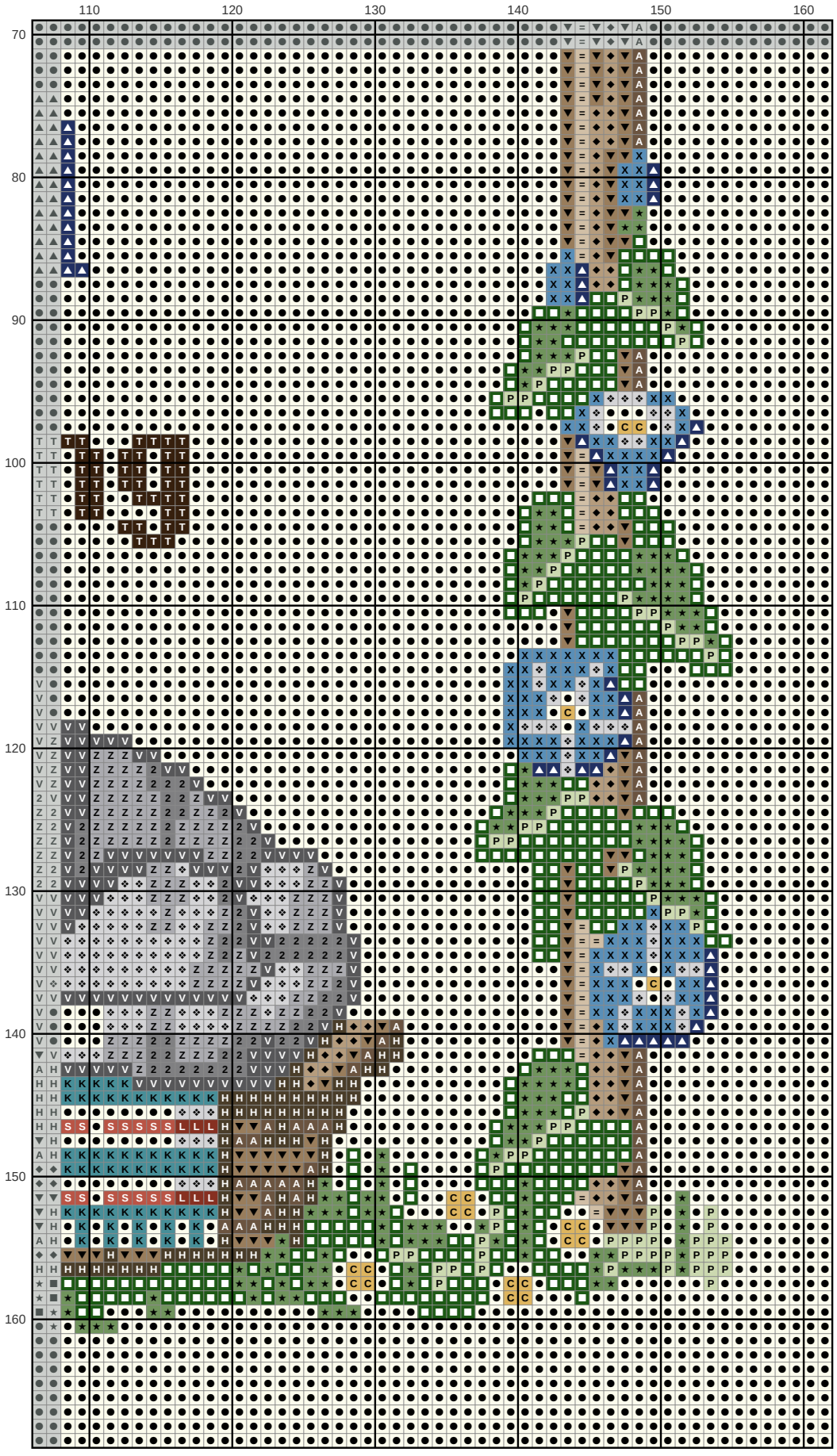
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