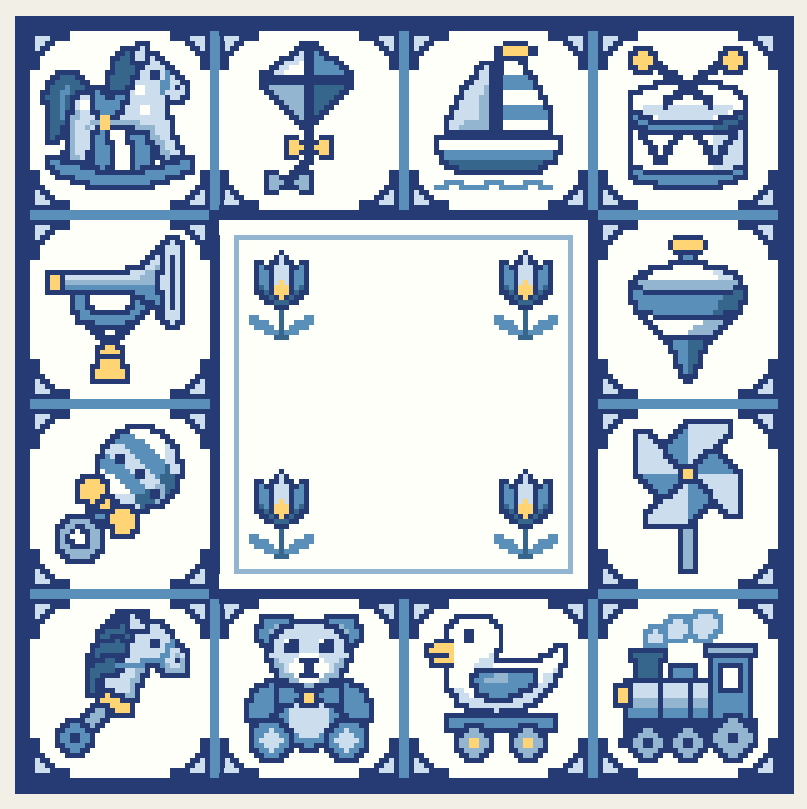
Baby boy birth announcement pillow

Needlepoint pattern | 156 x 156 stitches | 12 x 12 in (30.5 x 30.5 cm) on 13 mesh | 7 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC BLANC**	White	13,213	126	20
■	**DMC 336**	Navy Blue	6,655	64	10
▲	**DMC 322**	Dark Baby Blue	2,039	20	3
◆	**DMC 3841**	Pale Baby Blue	1,201	12	2
▼	**DMC 3755**	Baby Blue	705	7	2
★	**DMC 312**	Very Dark Baby Blue	304	3	1
❖	**DMC 743**	Medium Yellow	219	3	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 16 x 16 in (40.6 x 40.6 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

24,336 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 5 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 or columns. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 7 or 8 strands in the needle on 13 mesh (counted at 8), about 39 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 18 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 31 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 23 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 20.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 235 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 a pillow: also have backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. The seam takes the last two rows: stitch two extra rows all round, or keep the edge plain. "How to finish a pillow" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 5: columns 1 to 78, rows 1 to 64

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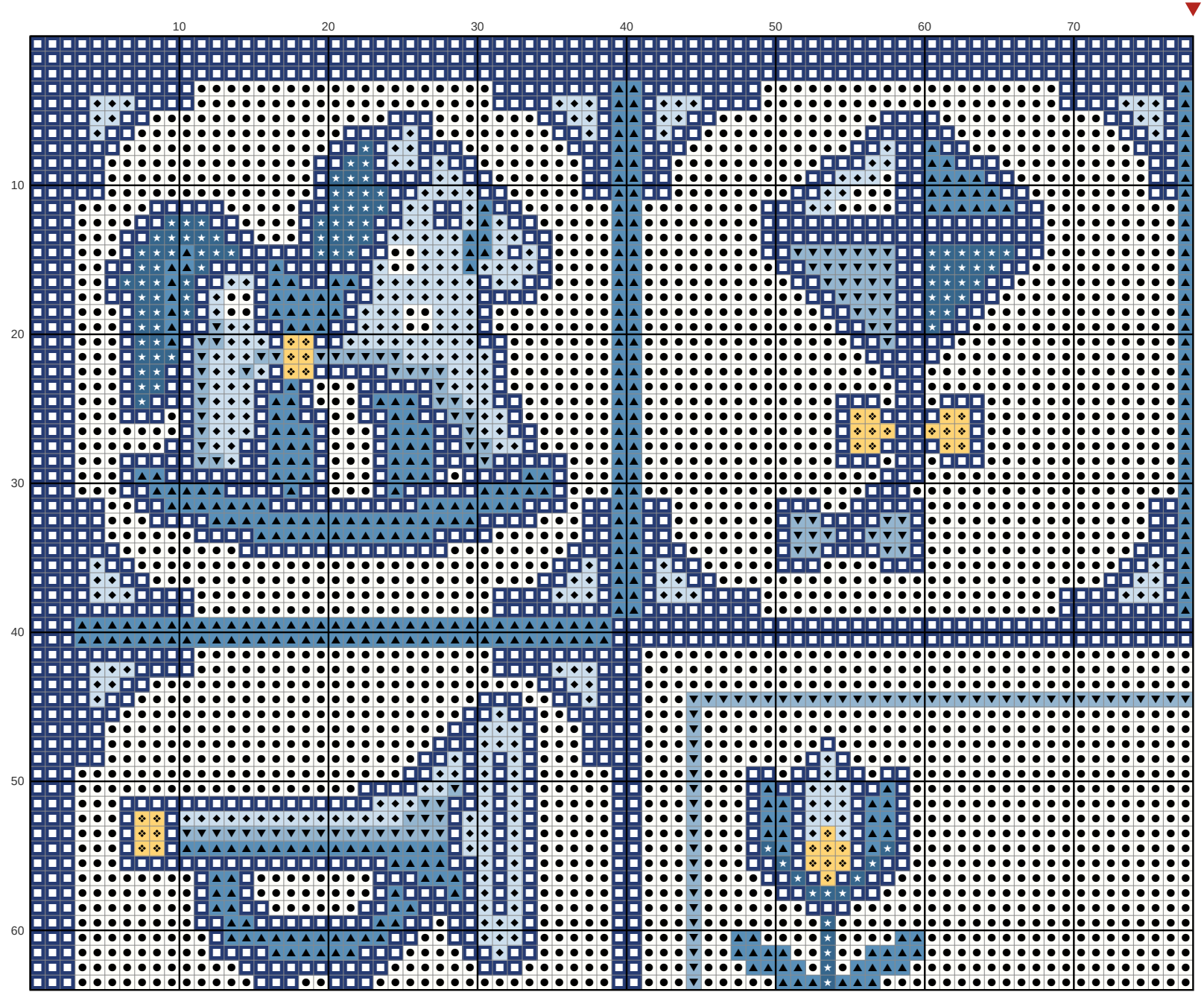

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Chart 2 of 5: columns 79 to 156, rows 1 to 64; gray squares repeat columns 77 and 78

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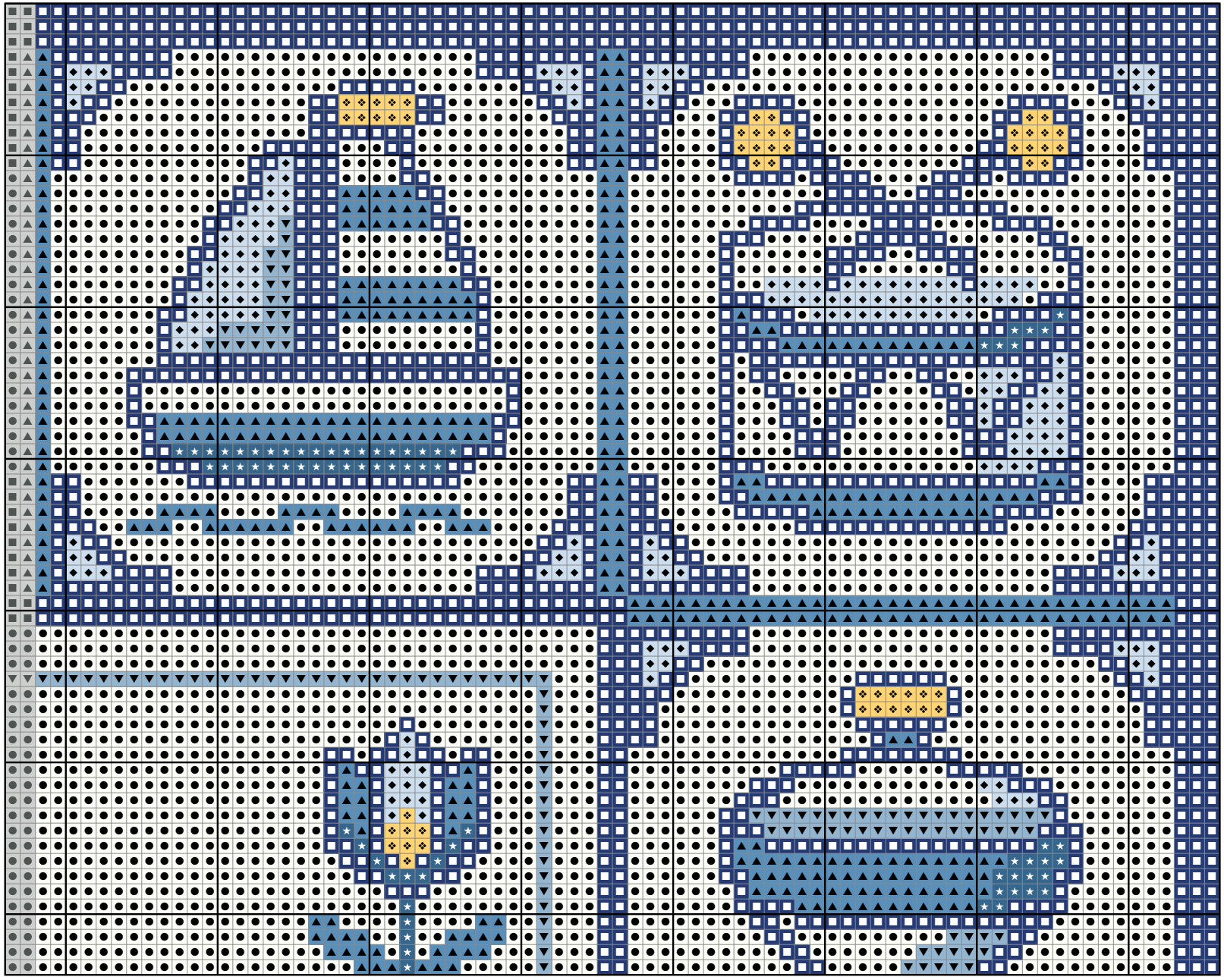

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Chart 3 of 5: columns 1 to 52, rows 65 to 156; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

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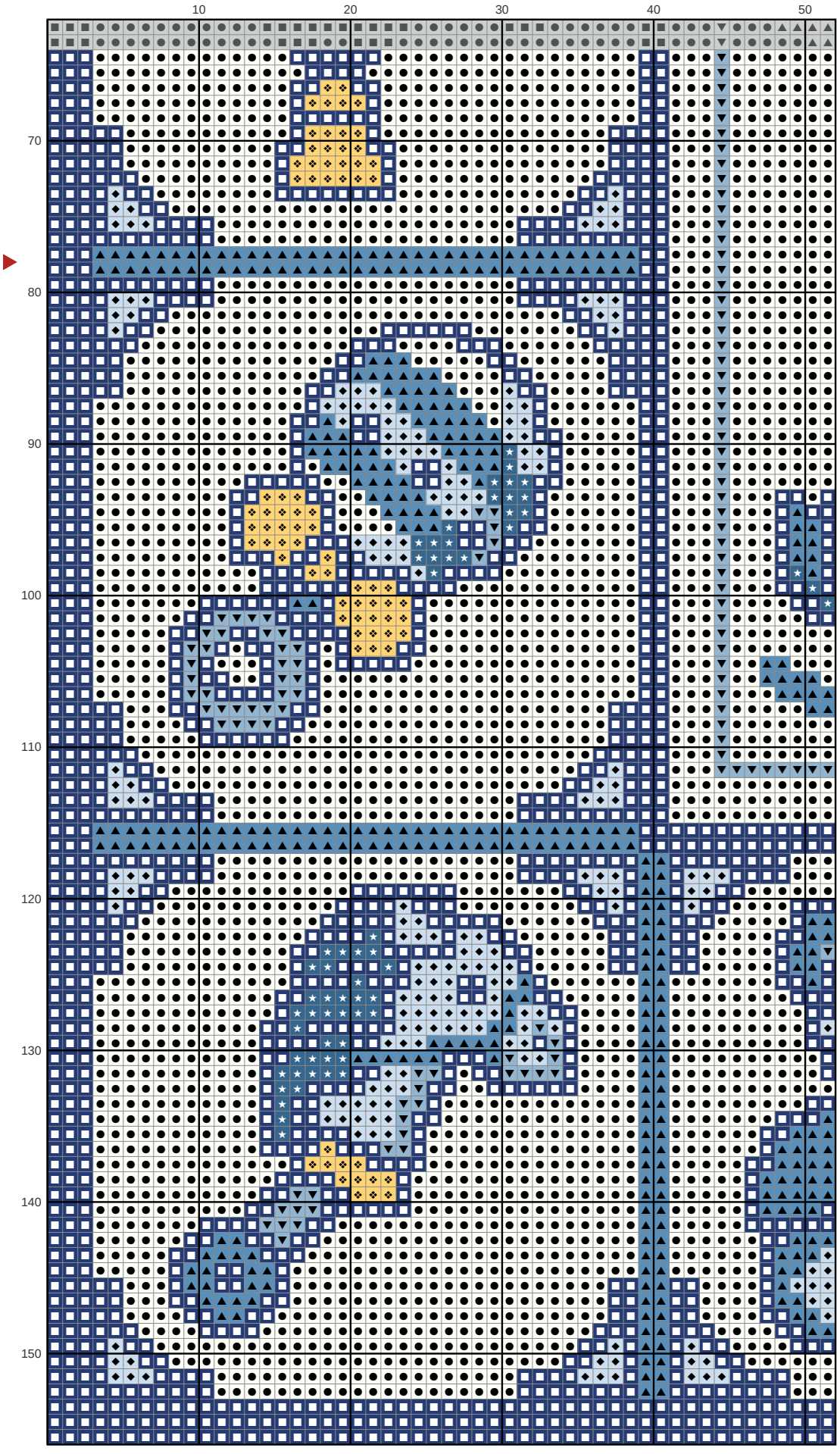

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Chart 4 of 5: columns 53 to 104, rows 65 to 156; gray squares repeat columns 51 and 52 and rows 63 and 64

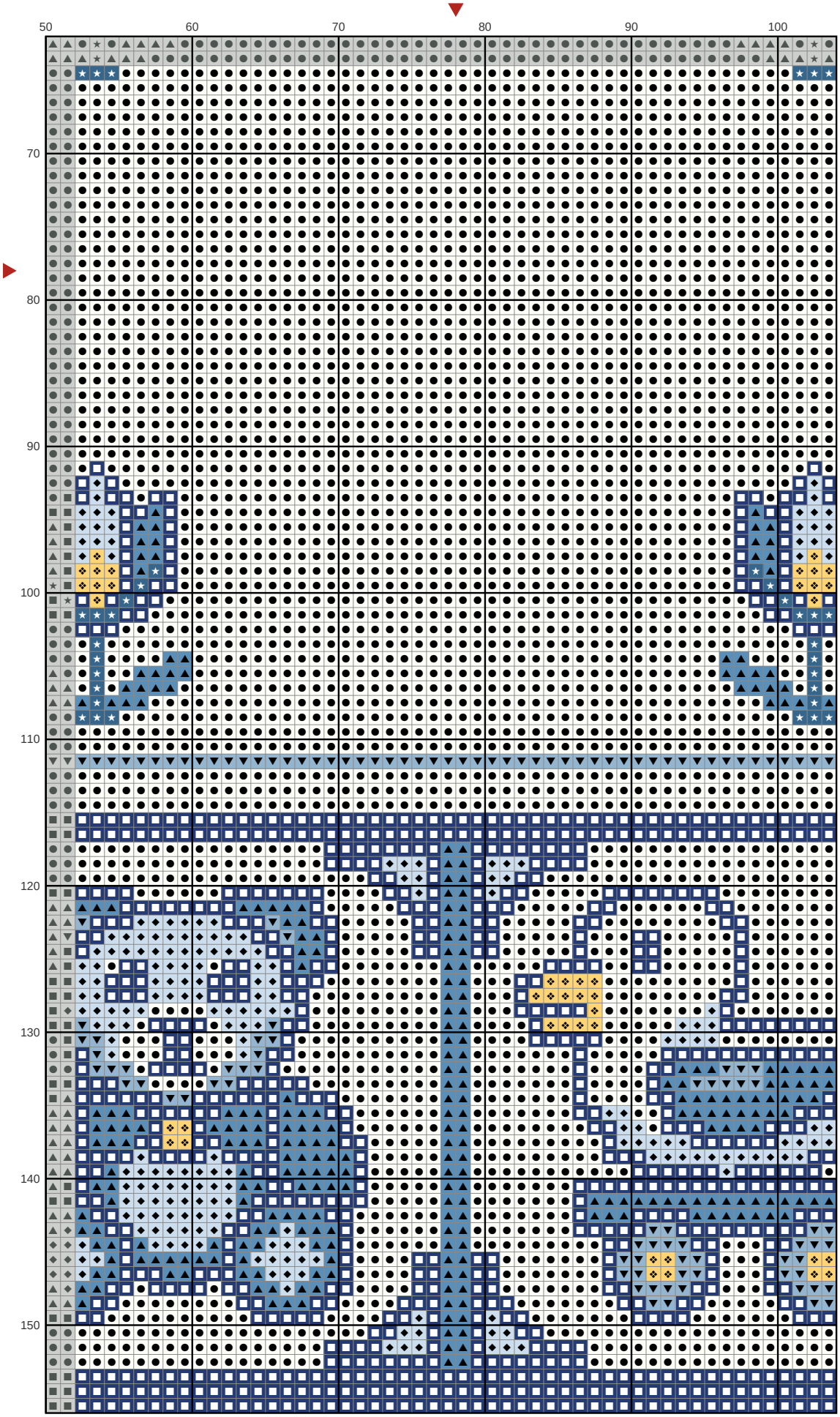

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Chart 5 of 5: columns 105 to 156, rows 65 to 156; gray squares repeat columns 103 and 104 and rows 63 and 64

