New Orleans balconies with ferns

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 126 stitches | 5 x 7 in (12.7 x 17.8 cm) on 18 mesh | 8 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 310**	Black	4,128	29	4
■	**DMC 743**	Medium Yellow	1,910	14	2
▲	**DMC 3705**	Dark Melon	1,758	13	2
◆	**DMC 712**	Cream	1,512	11	2
▼	**DMC 702**	Kelly Green	832	6	1
★	**DMC 552**	Medium Violet	450	4	1
❖	**DMC 890**	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	384	3	1
X	**DMC 3849**	Light Teal Green	366	3	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 14 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 9 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 9 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 83 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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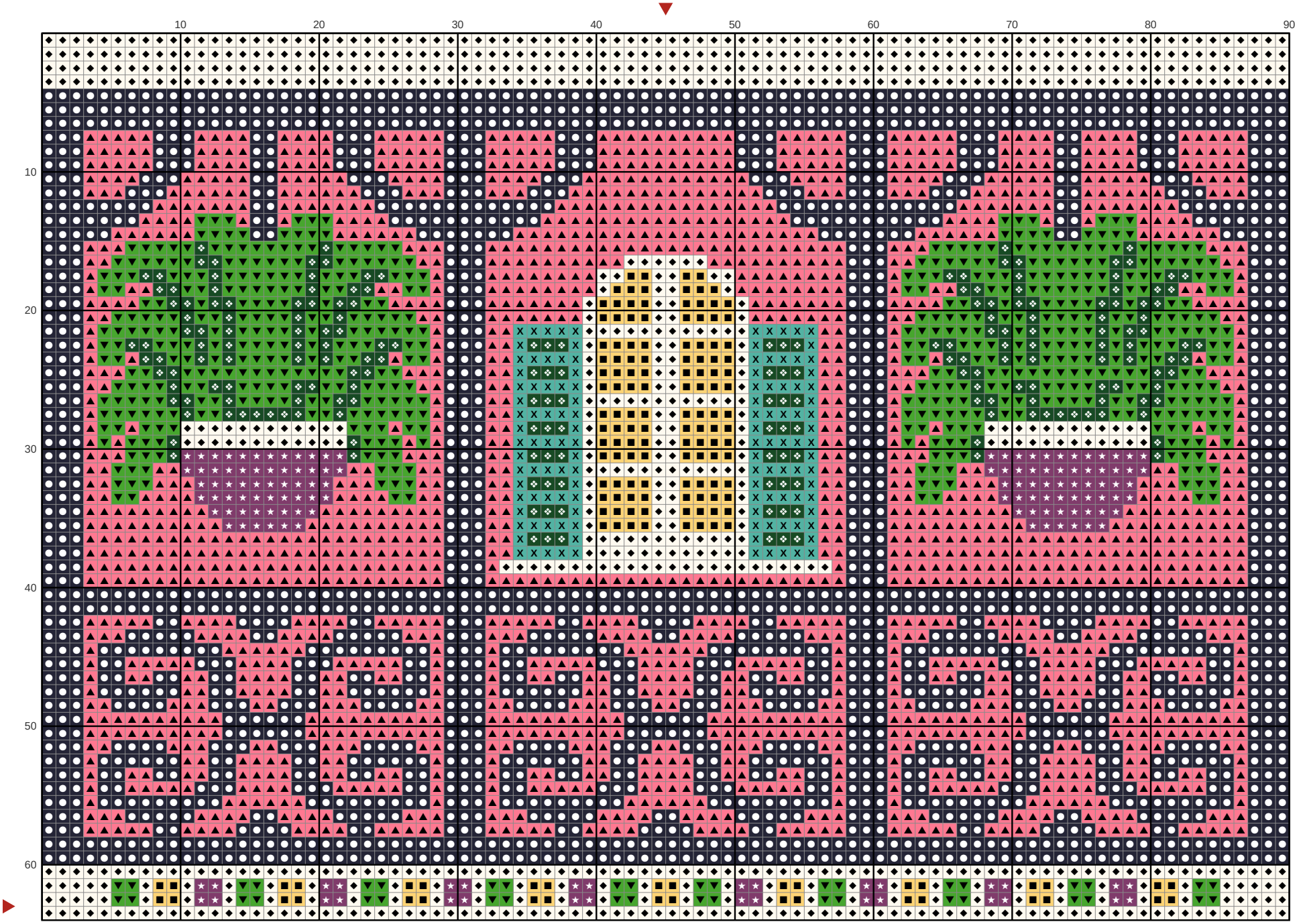

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 65 to 126; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

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