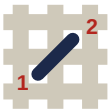
Folk art cake with counted candles

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 90 stitches | 5 x 5 in (12.7 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 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 45, row 45 (DMC 666): 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 154: the opening's edge 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, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 9.5 in square (24.1 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 15 colors, about 18 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Fit it into a lid: the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first.
How to fit it into a lid.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**154**	Very Dark Grape	3,350	4
■	**701**	Light Green	738	1
▲	**3708**	Light Melon	736	1
◆	**3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	730	1
▼	**666**	Bright Red	610	1
★	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	432	1
❖	**3820**	Dark Straw	314	1
X	**3705**	Dark Melon	280	1
H	**704**	Bright Chartreuse	252	1
+	**741**	Medium Tangerine	200	1
=	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	176	1
Z	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	140	1
A	**815**	Medium Garnet	84	1
V	**3706**	Medium Melon	48	1
T	**782**	Dark Topaz	10	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 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.

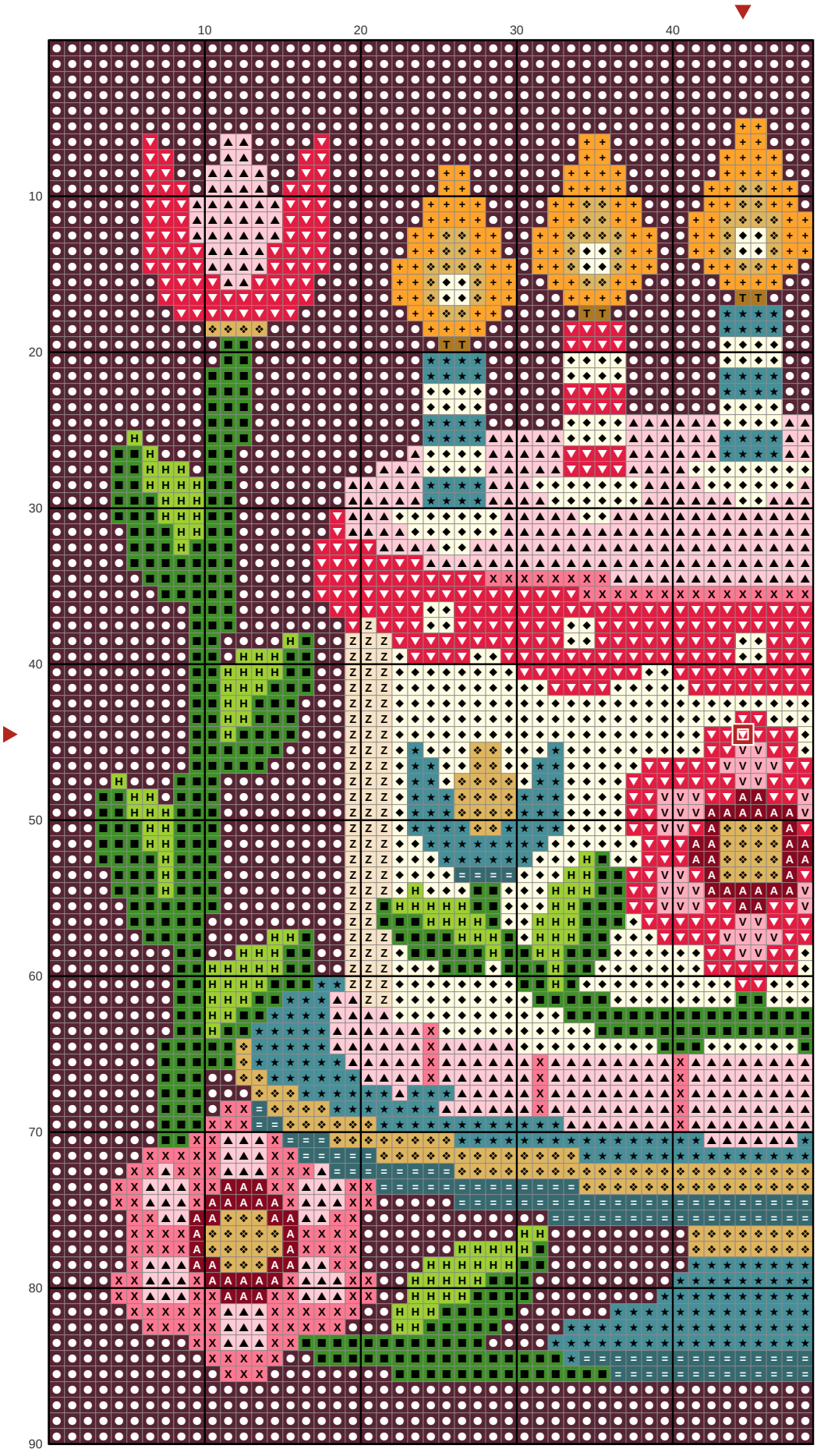
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Needlepoint pattern

Columns 1 to 49, rows 1 to 90. Start at the red outline

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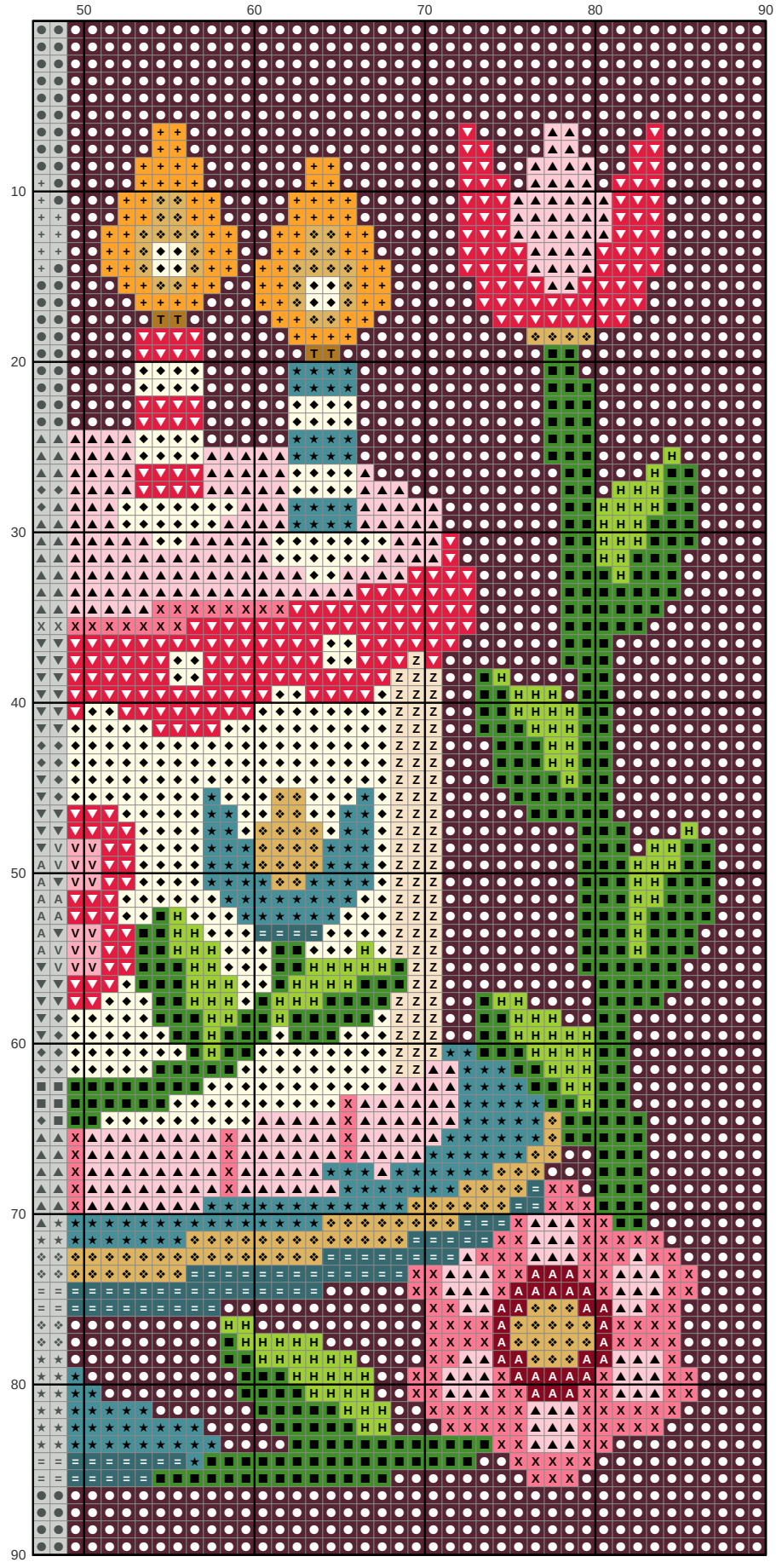
- DMC 154 Very Dark Grape
- DMC 701 Light Green
- DMC 3708 Light Melon
- DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
- DMC 666 Bright Red
- DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
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- DMC 3705 Dark Melon
- DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse
- DMC 741 Medium Tangerine
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- DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
- DMC 815 Medium Garnet
- DMC 3706 Medium Melon
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Folk art cake with counted candles

Needlepoint pattern

Columns 50 to 90, rows 1 to 90. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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Key

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- ■ **DMC 701** Light Green
- ▲ **DMC 3708** Light Melon
- ◆ **DMC 3823** Ultra Pale Yellow
- ▼ **DMC 666** Bright Red
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