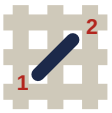
Folk art octopus

Needlepoint pattern | 140 x 140 stitches | 14 x 14 in (35.6 x 35.6 cm) on 10 mesh | 13 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 70, row 70 (DMC 350): 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 498: 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 18.5 in square (47 cm).

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

Thread: pearl cotton size 3, 13 colors, about 40 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
●	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	6,798	11
■	**498**	Dark Red	3,134	7
▲	**350**	Medium Coral	3,088	5
◆	**712**	Cream	2,600	4
▼	**352**	Light Coral	1,334	3
★	**725**	Medium Light Topaz	832	2
❖	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	784	2
X	**3766**	Light Peacock Blue	384	1
H	**3708**	Light Melon	190	1
+	**471**	Very Light Avocado Green	172	1
=	**602**	Medium Cranberry	136	1
Z	**987**	Dark Forest Green	124	1
A	**783**	Medium Topaz	24	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.

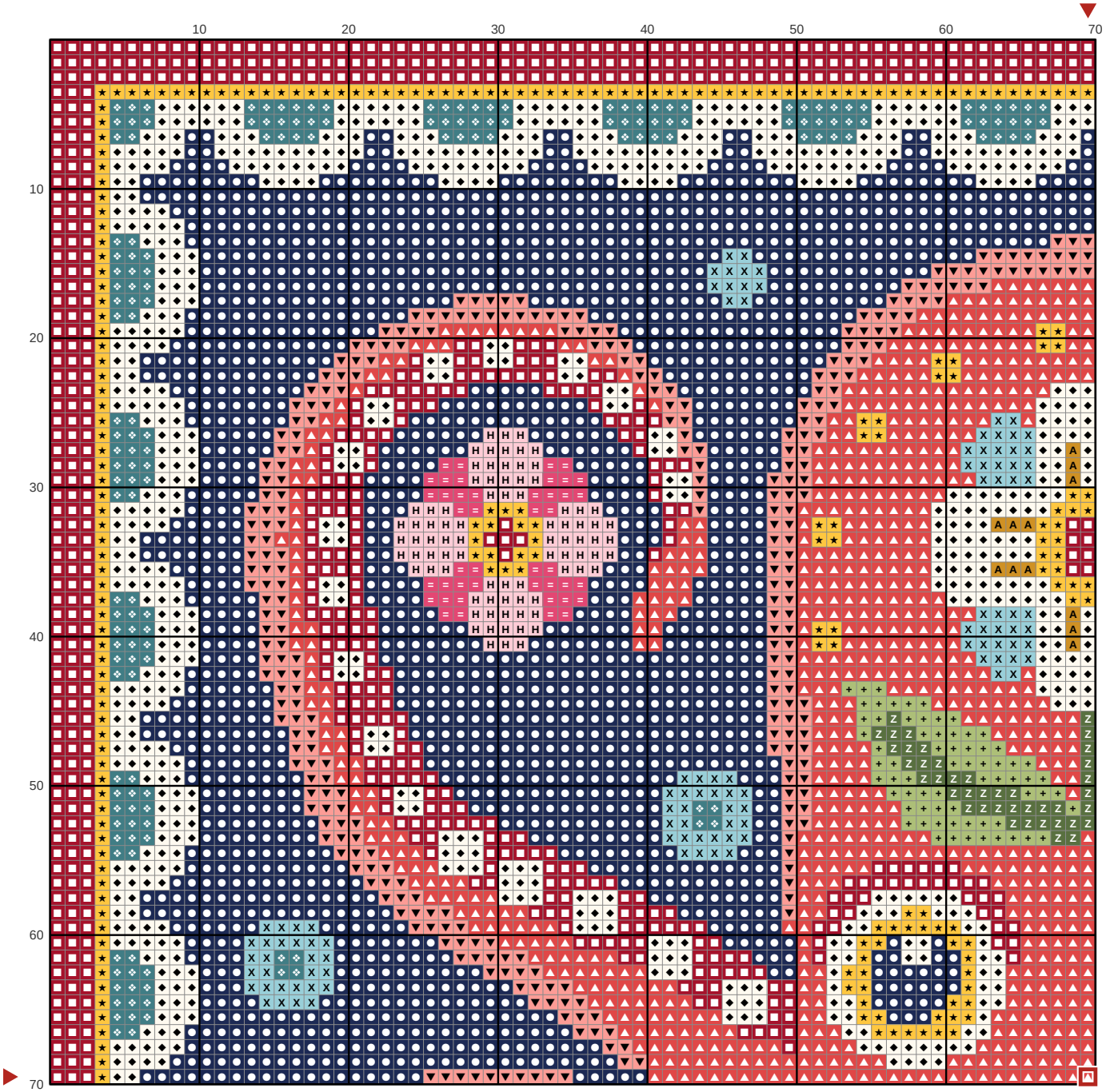
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

For your own stitching, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Folk art octopus Needlepoint pattern

Columns 1 to 70, rows 1 to 70. Start at the red outline

This page is the dark part of the chart



Key

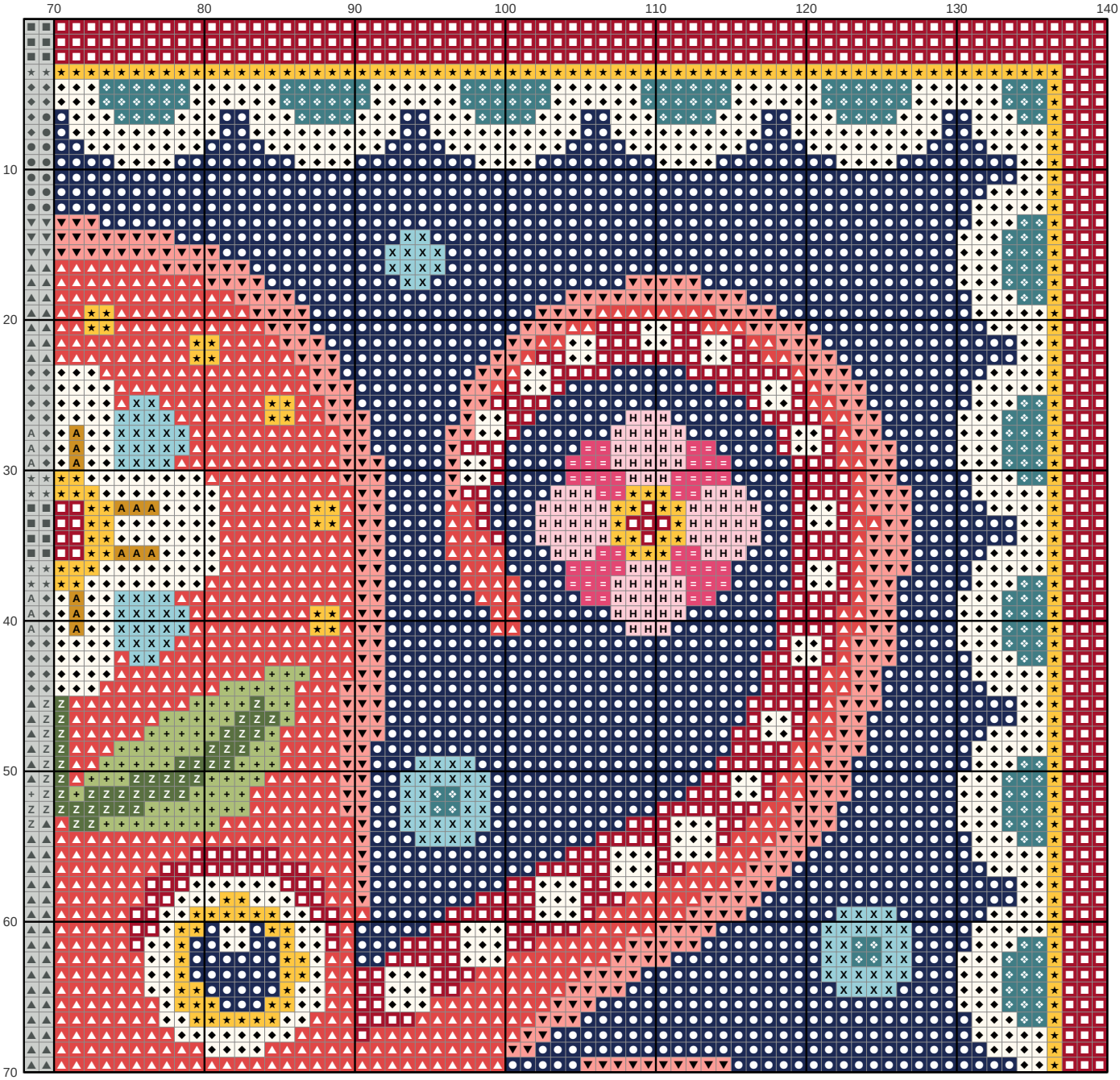
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 498** Dark Red
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 3766** Light Peacock Blue
- **DMC 3708** Light Melon
- **DMC 471** Very Light Avocado Green
- **DMC 602** Medium Cranberry
- **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz

Folk art octopus

Needlepoint pattern

This page is the dark part of the chart

Columns 71 to 140, rows 1 to 70. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again



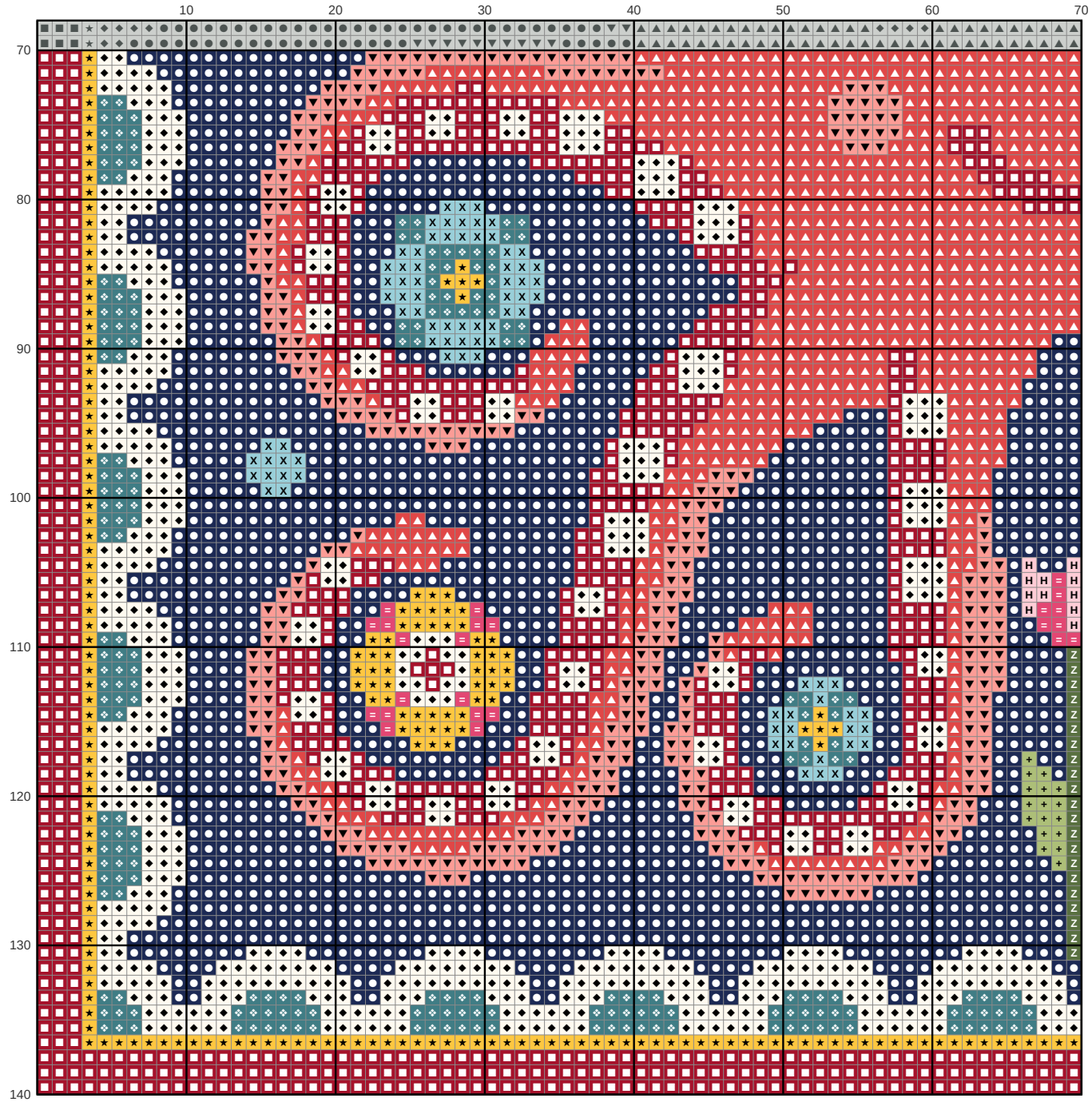
Key

- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 498** Dark Red
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 3766** Light Peacock Blue
- **DMC 3708** Light Melon
- **DMC 471** Very Light Avocado Green
- **DMC 602** Medium Cranberry
- **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz

Folk art octopus Needlepoint pattern

This page is the dark part of the chart

Columns 1 to 70, rows 71 to 140. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again



Key

- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 498** Dark Red
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 3766** Light Peacock Blue
- **DMC 3708** Light Melon
- **DMC 471** Very Light Avocado Green
- **DMC 602** Medium Cranberry
- **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green

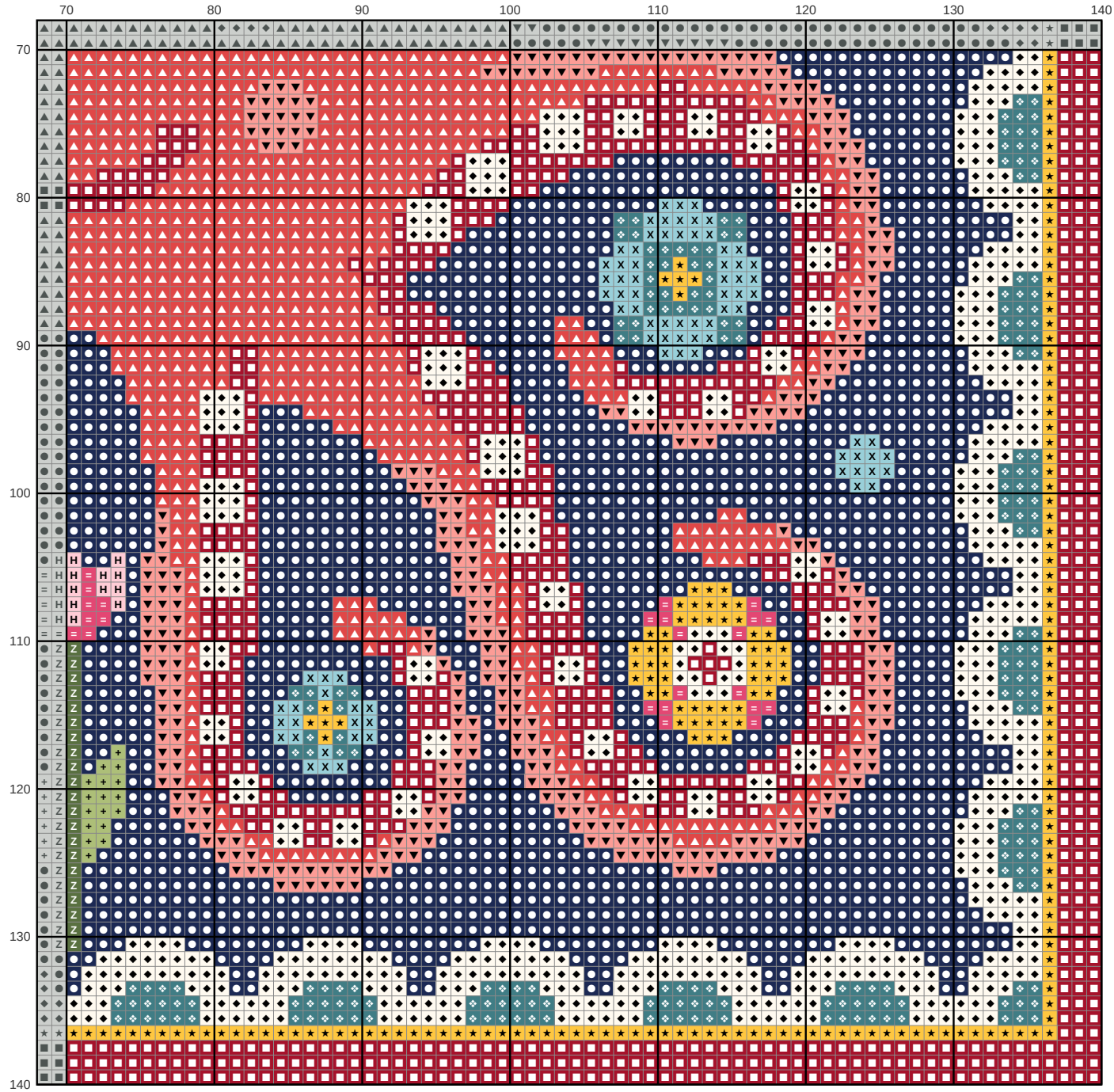
Folk art octopus

Needlepoint pattern

This page is the dark part of the chart



Columns 71 to 140, rows 71 to 140. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again



Key

- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 498** Dark Red
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 3766** Light Peacock Blue
- **DMC 3708** Light Melon
- **DMC 471** Very Light Avocado Green
- **DMC 602** Medium Cranberry
- **DMC 987** Dark Forest Green