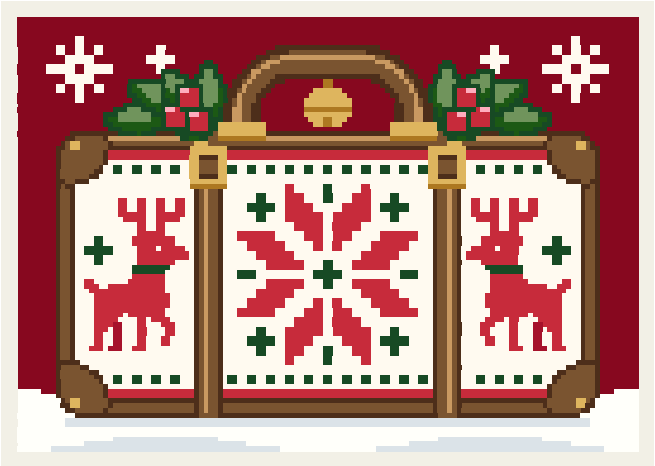
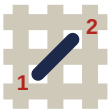
Folk art suitcase, Nordic Christmas

Needlepoint pattern | 130 x 91 stitches | 10 x 7 in (25.4 x 17.8 cm) on 13 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 65, row 46 (DMC 712): 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, each stitch in the color it lies beside: 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, 13 mesh (13 threads to the inch), cut 14.5 in wide x 11.5 in high (36.8 x 29.2 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 20. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 15 colors, about 28 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 7 strands (8 if canvas shows).

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
●	712	Cream	3,098	5
■	815	Medium Garnet	2,782	5
▲	321	Red	1,492	3
◆	433	Medium Brown	1,154	2
▼	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	918	2
★	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	630	1
❖	BLANC	White	588	2
X	3753	Ultra Very Light Antique Blue	428	1
H	3820	Dark Straw	224	1
+	436	Tan	210	1
=	3347	Medium Yellow Green	124	1
Z	3345	Dark Hunter Green	90	1
A	782	Dark Topaz	54	1
V	498	Dark Red	26	1
T	3706	Medium Melon	12	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 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 69, rows 1 to 91. Start at the red outline

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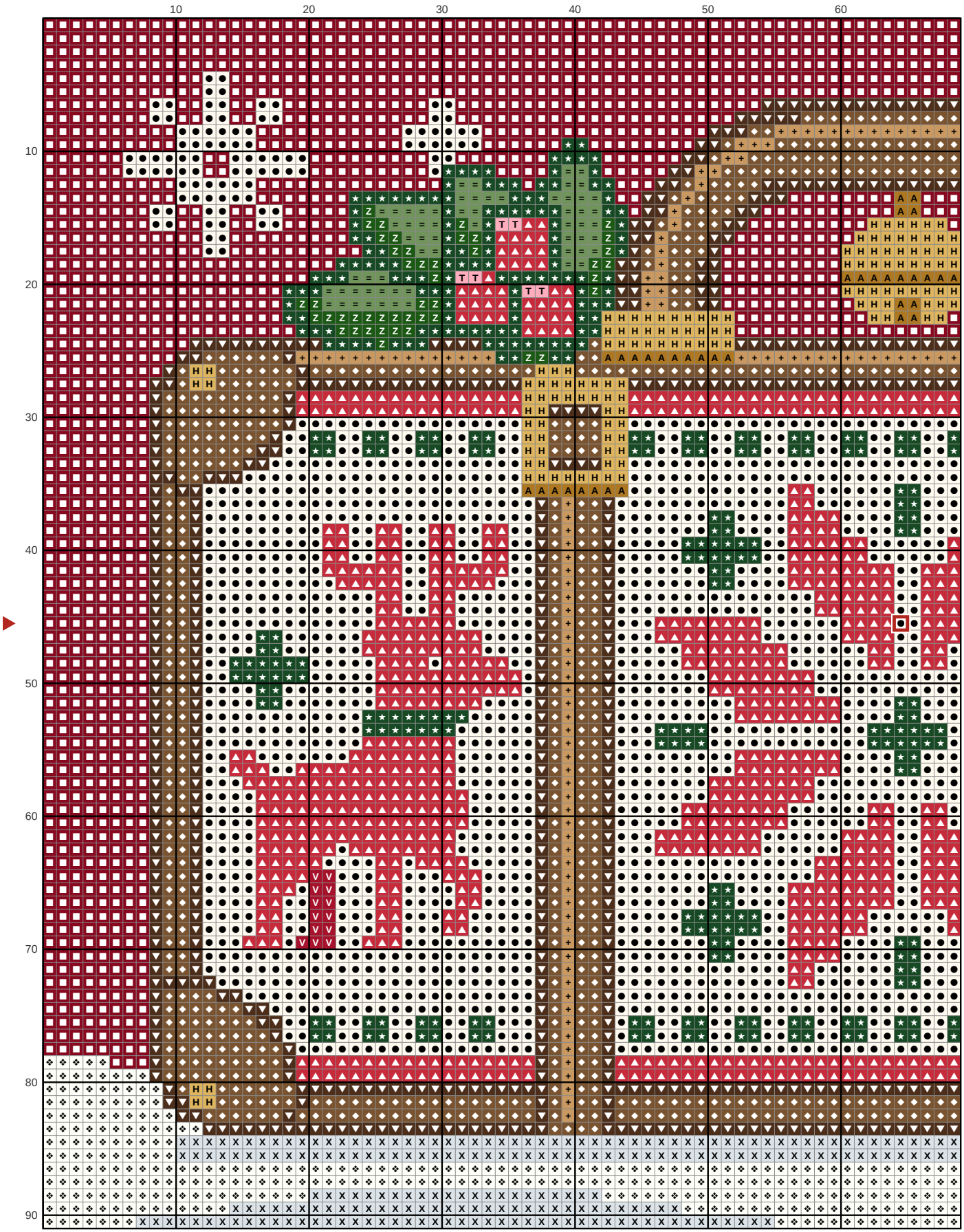

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Columns 70 to 130, rows 1 to 91. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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