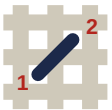
Bolster pillow, folk birds and tulips

Needlepoint pattern | 180 x 160 stitches | 18 x 16 in (45.7 x 40.6 cm) on 10 mesh | 7 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 5, column 90, row 80 (DMC 598): 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, 10 mesh (10 threads to the inch), cut 22.5 in wide x 20.5 in high (57.2 x 52.1 cm).

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

Thread: pearl cotton size 3, 7 colors, about 49 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

			stitches	skeins of pearl
●	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	8,392	15
■	**DMC ECRU**	Ecru	6,812	11
▲	**DMC 3852**	Very Dark Straw	4,212	7
◆	**DMC 817**	Very Dark Coral Red	3,886	6
▼	**DMC 3733**	Dusty Rose	2,314	4
★	**DMC 3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	1,660	3
❖	**DMC 598**	Light Turquoise	1,524	3

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.

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Columns 1 to 90, rows 1 to 74

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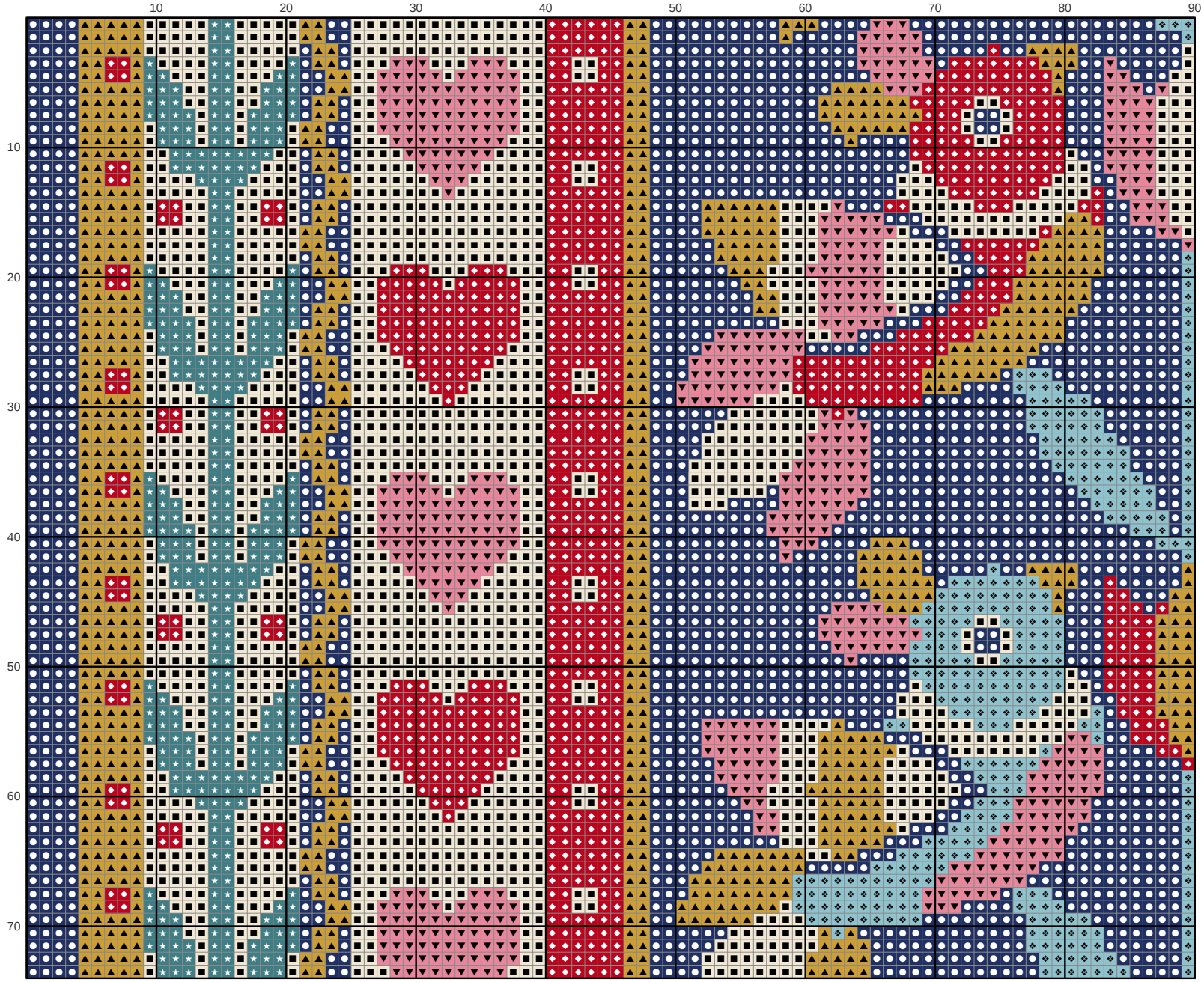

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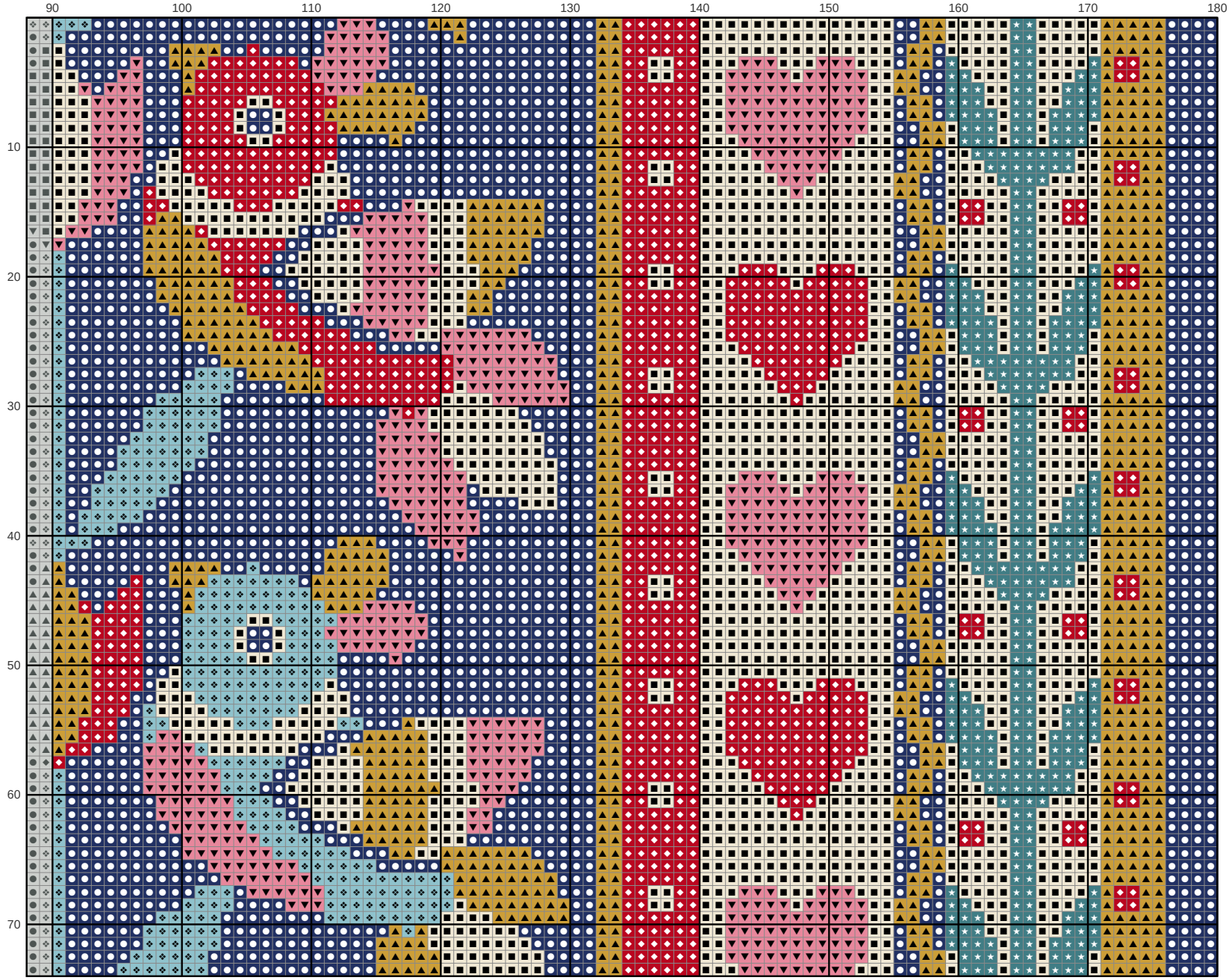

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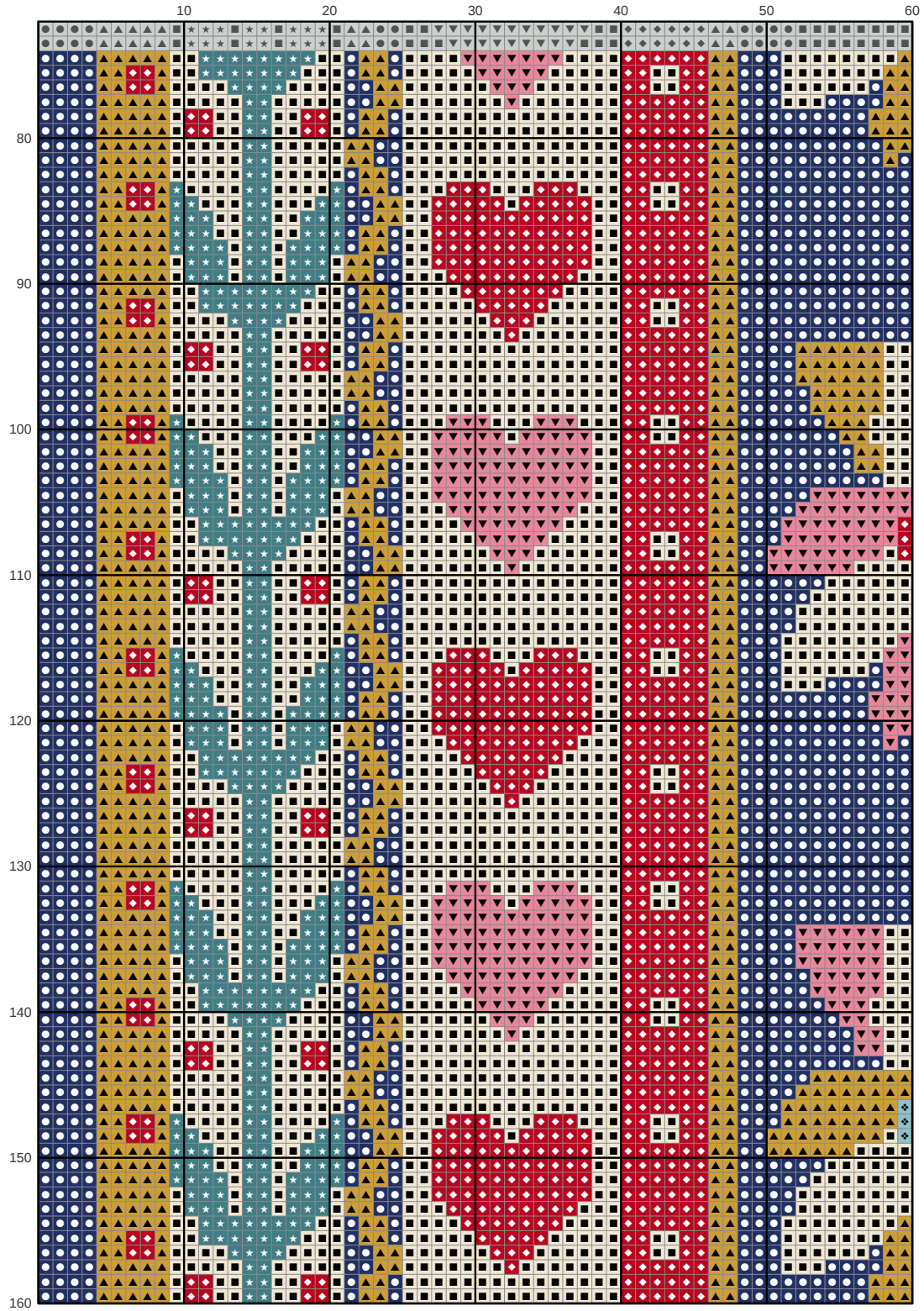

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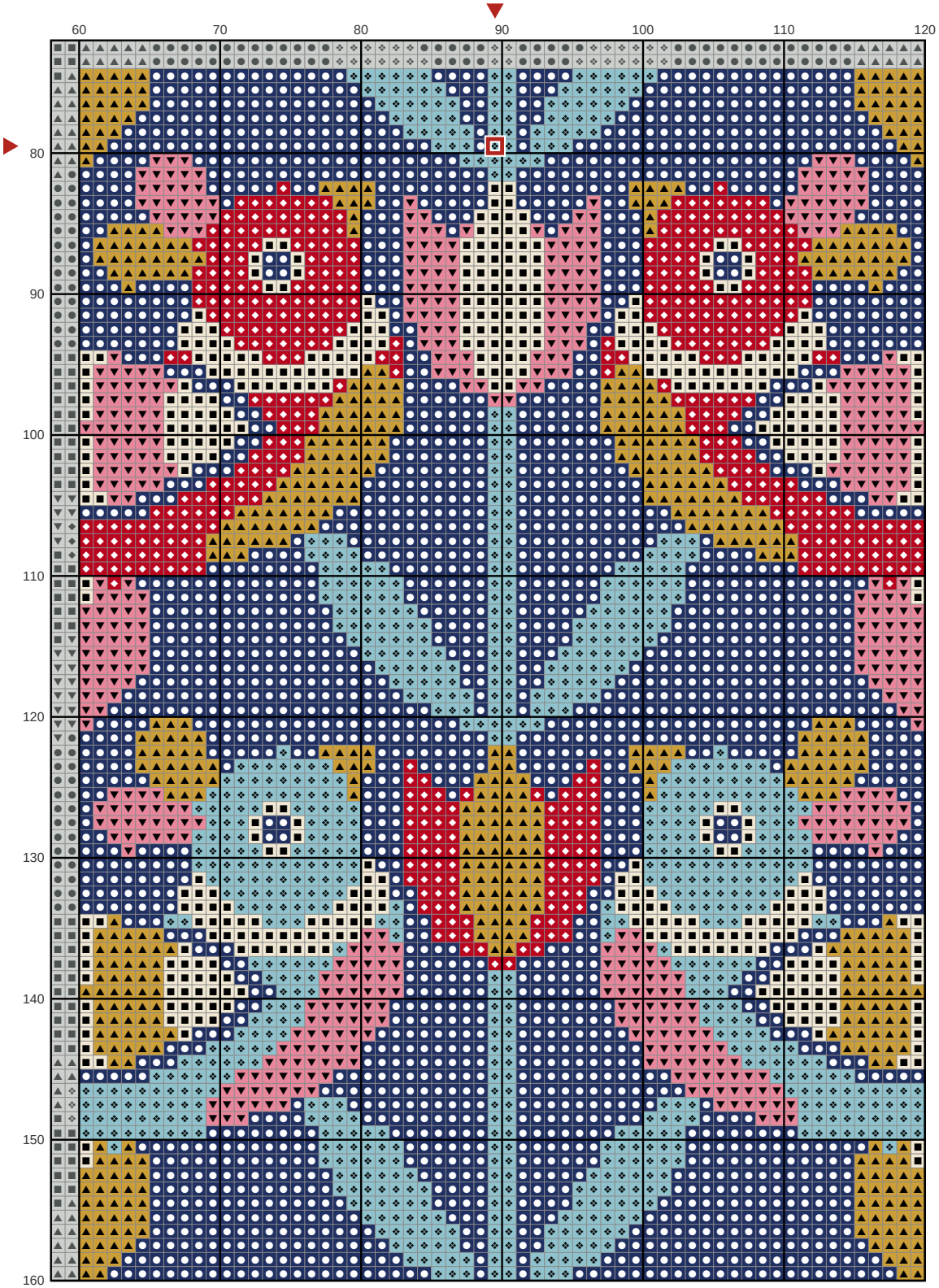
Columns 61 to 120, rows 75 to 160. Start at the red outline. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again



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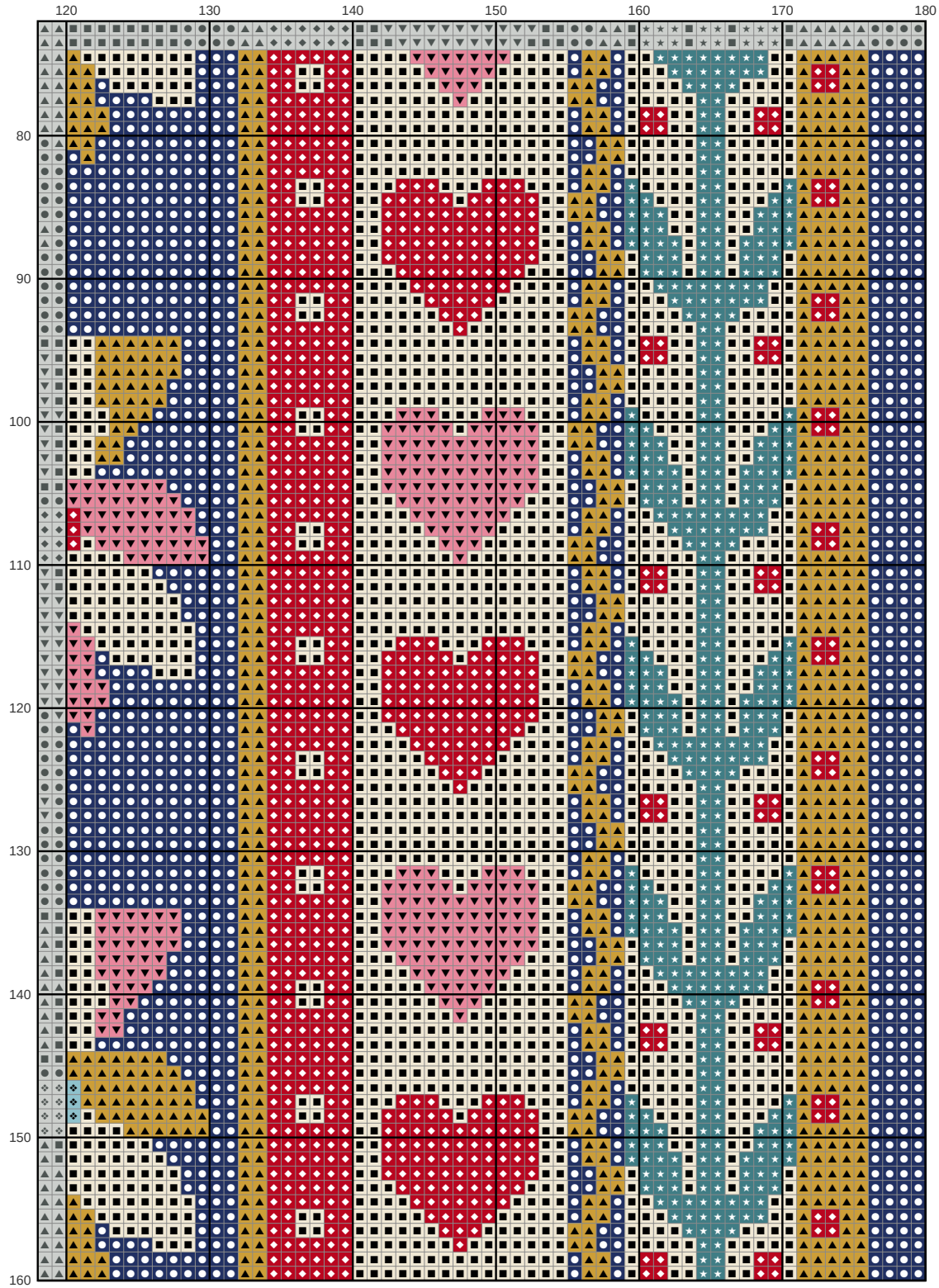

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