Easy Nativity with camels and sheep

Needlepoint pattern | 140 x 140 stitches | 14 x 14 in (35.6 x 35.6 cm) on 10 mesh | 7 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 500**	Very Dark Blue Green	4,586	57	7
■	**DMC 739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	4,220	52	7
▲	**DMC 347**	Very Dark Salmon	4,134	51	7
◆	**DMC 3820**	Dark Straw	3,890	48	6
▼	**DMC 3371**	Black Brown	1,501	19	3
★	**DMC 433**	Medium Brown	1,022	13	2
❖	**DMC 436**	Tan	247	4	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 18 x 18 in (45.7 x 45.7 cm) for 10 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

19,600 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 4 pages, each cut to what is stitched: bare canvas has no page, and a join falls on plain ground where it can. Where chart pages join, gray squares repeat two rows or columns. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: pearl cotton size 3, 2 strands in the needle on 10 mesh, about 33 skeins of 16.4 yd in all. Or six-strand floss, 8 to 10 strands, about 49 skeins of 8.7 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 31 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 3 strands, about 34 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 16 or 18.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 10 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 244 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.

Make it a pillow: also have backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. The seam takes the last two rows: stitch two extra rows all round, or keep the edge plain. "How to finish a pillow" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

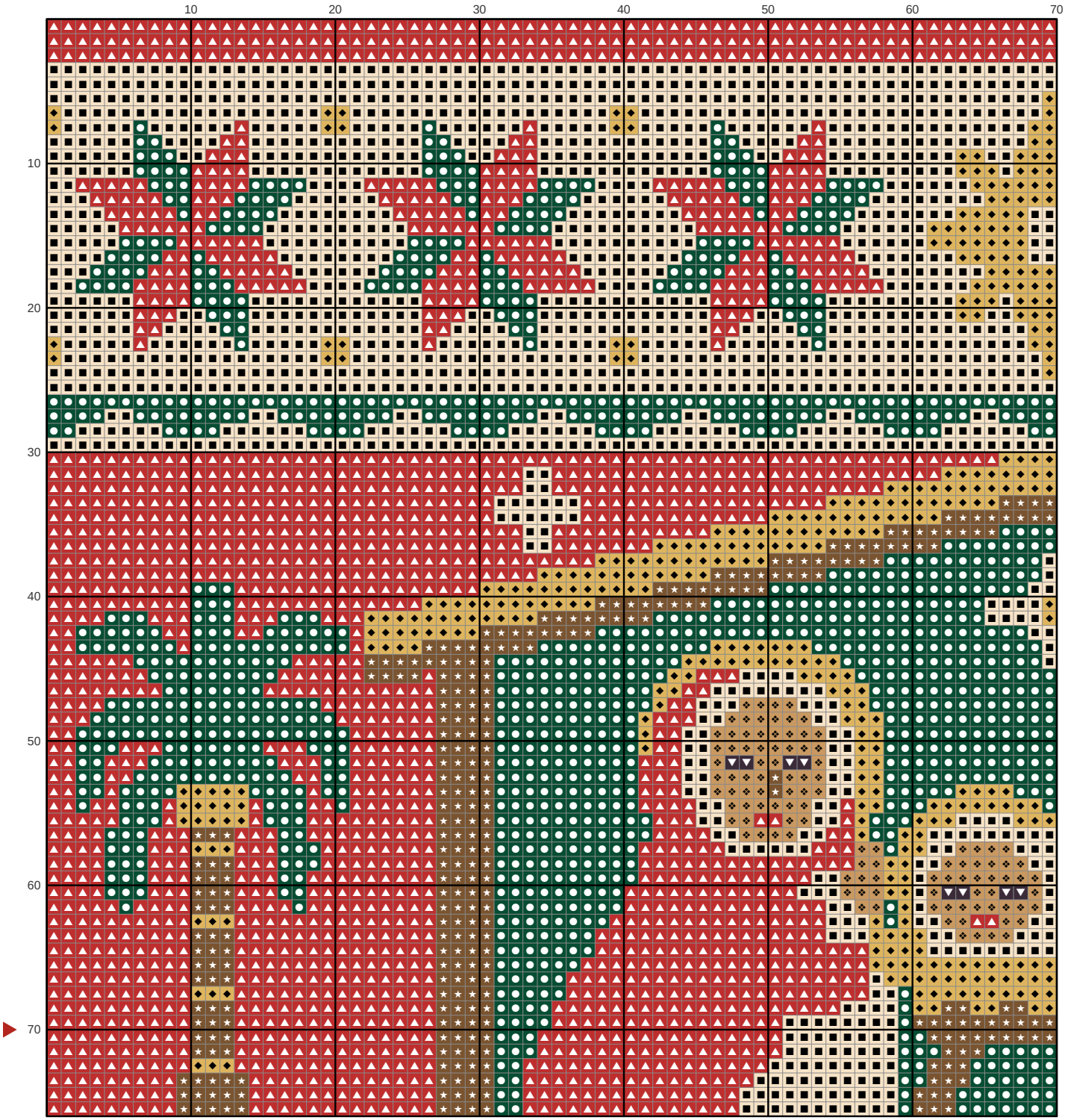
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Chart 1 of 4: columns 1 to 70, rows 1 to 76

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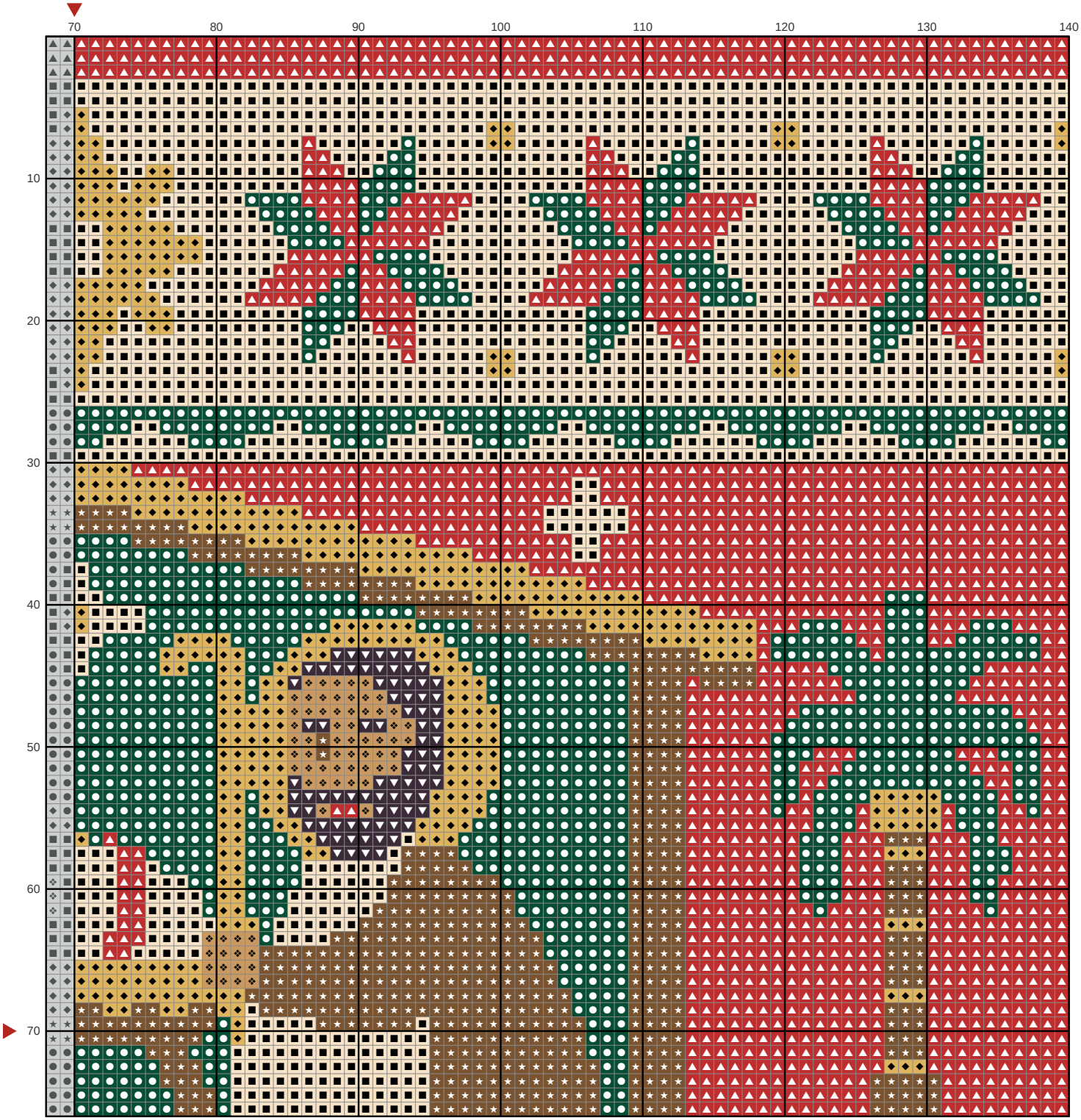


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Chart 2 of 4: columns 71 to 140, rows 1 to 76; gray squares repeat columns 69 and 70

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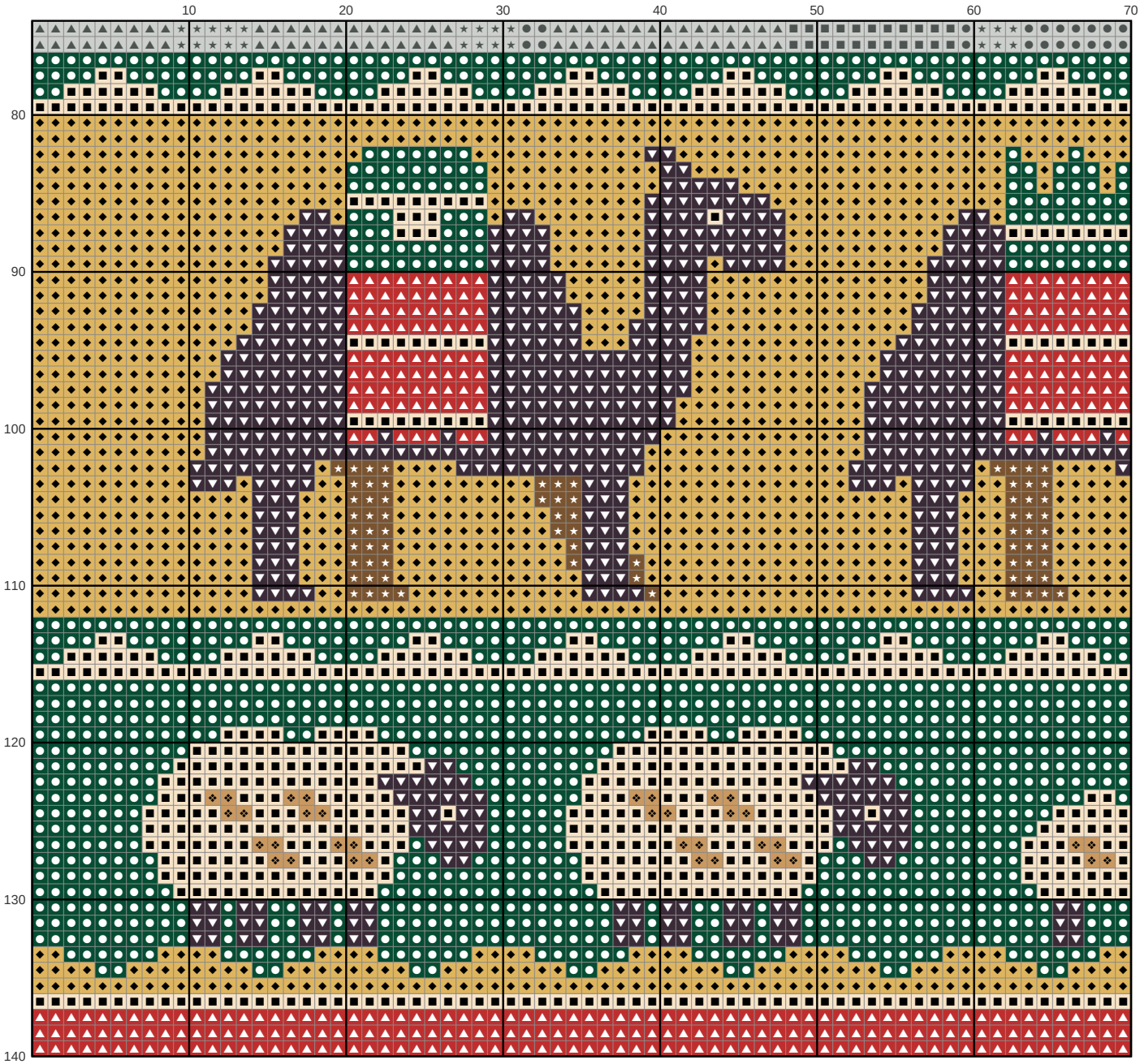


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Chart 3 of 4: columns 1 to 70, rows 77 to 140; gray squares repeat rows 75 and 76

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Chart 4 of 4: columns 71 to 140, rows 77 to 140; gray squares repeat columns 69 and 70 and rows 75 and 76

