Nativity set of three folk figures

Needlepoint pattern | 320 x 148 stitches | all pieces 17.8 x 8.2 in (45.2 x 20.9 cm) on 18 mesh | 19 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	9,887	68	8
■	**322**	Dark Baby Blue	3,536	25	3
▲	**3820**	Dark Straw	2,905	20	3
◆	**921**	Copper	2,246	16	2
▼	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	1,777	13	2
★	**3865**	Winter White	1,626	12	2
❖	**501**	Dark Blue Green	1,535	11	2
X	**321**	Red	1,128	8	1
O	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	1,096	8	1
+	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	931	7	1
=	**503**	Medium Blue Green	920	7	1
Z	**312**	Very Dark Baby Blue	648	5	1
A	**3064**	Desert Sand	525	4	1
V	**632**	Ultra Very Dark Desert Sand	496	4	1
T	**3772**	Very Dark Desert Sand	284	2	1
N	**919**	Red Copper	130	1	1
S	**3752**	Very Light Antique Blue	84	1	1
K	**815**	Medium Garnet	78	1	1
E	**3778**	Light Terra Cotta	38	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 21.8 x 12.2 in (55.3 x 31 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

29,870 stitches in all, in 3 pieces: the front 156 x 118, the back 156 x 118, the base 144 x 22. Leave bare canvas between the pieces, as charted, and start each from its own center.

The chart is on 6 pages, each cut to what is stitched: bare canvas has no page, and a join falls on plain ground where it can. Pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are turned on their side, for a part that is wider than it is tall. 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: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 34 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 21 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 22 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 214 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 an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three extra rows of background all round: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 6: columns 4 to 108, rows 4 to 76



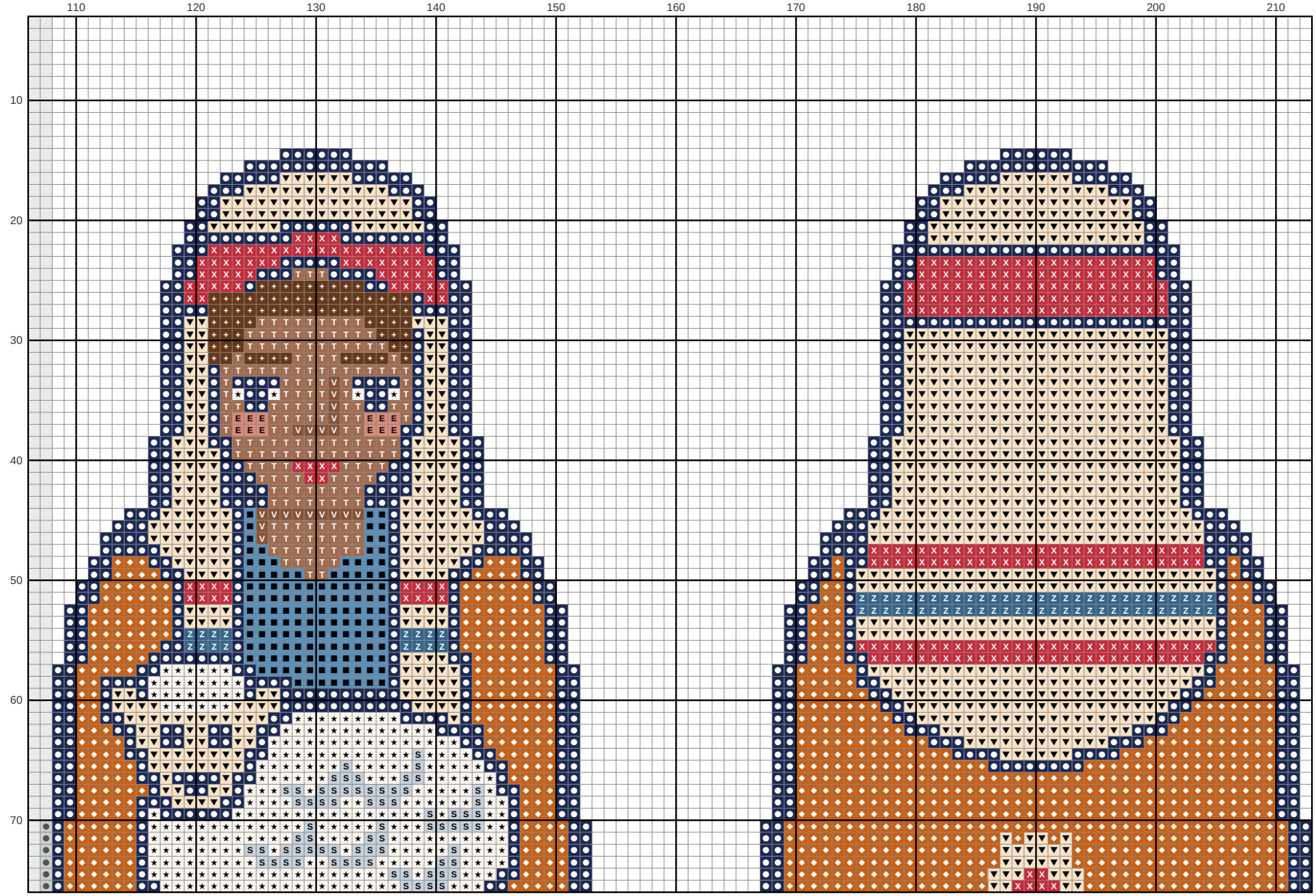
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Chart 2 of 6: columns 109 to 213, rows 4 to 76; gray squares repeat columns 107 and 108



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Chart 3 of 6: columns 214 to 317, rows 4 to 76; gray squares repeat columns 212 and 213



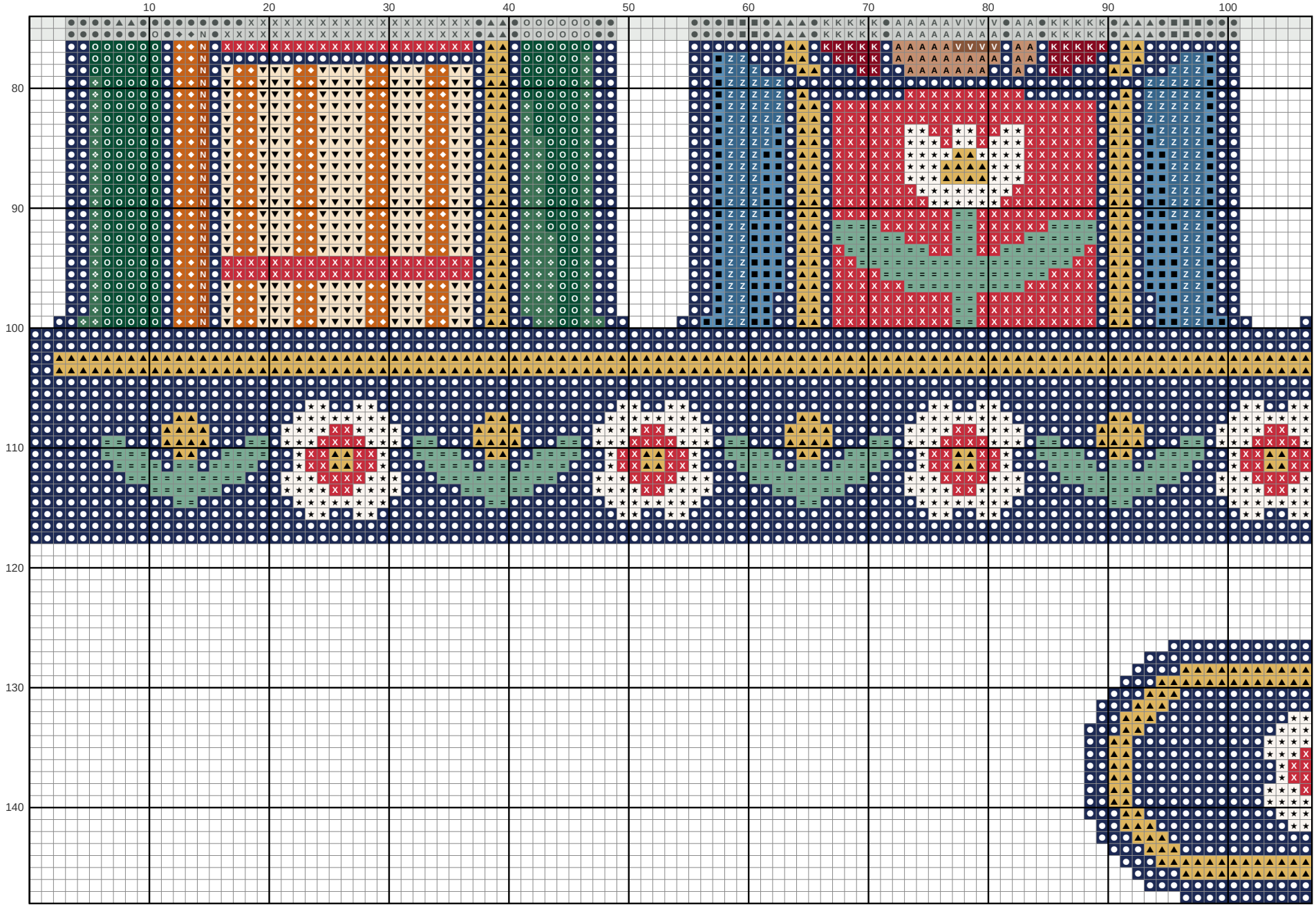
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Chart 4 of 6: columns 1 to 107, rows 77 to 148; gray squares repeat rows 75 and 76



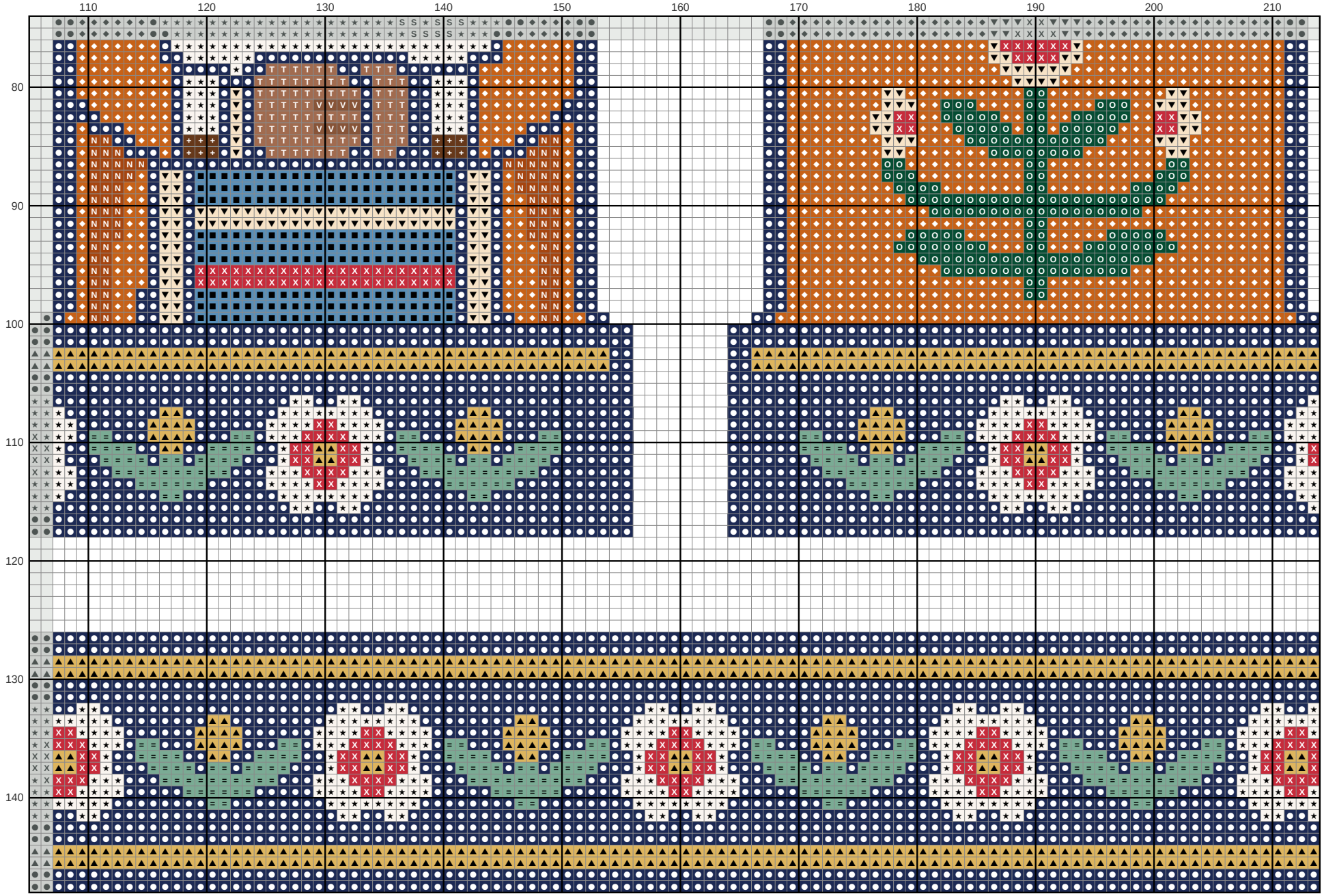
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Chart 5 of 6: columns 108 to 214, rows 77 to 148; gray squares repeat columns 106 and 107 and rows 75 and 76



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Chart 6 of 6: columns 215 to 320, rows 77 to 148; gray squares repeat columns 213 and 214 and rows 75 and 76

