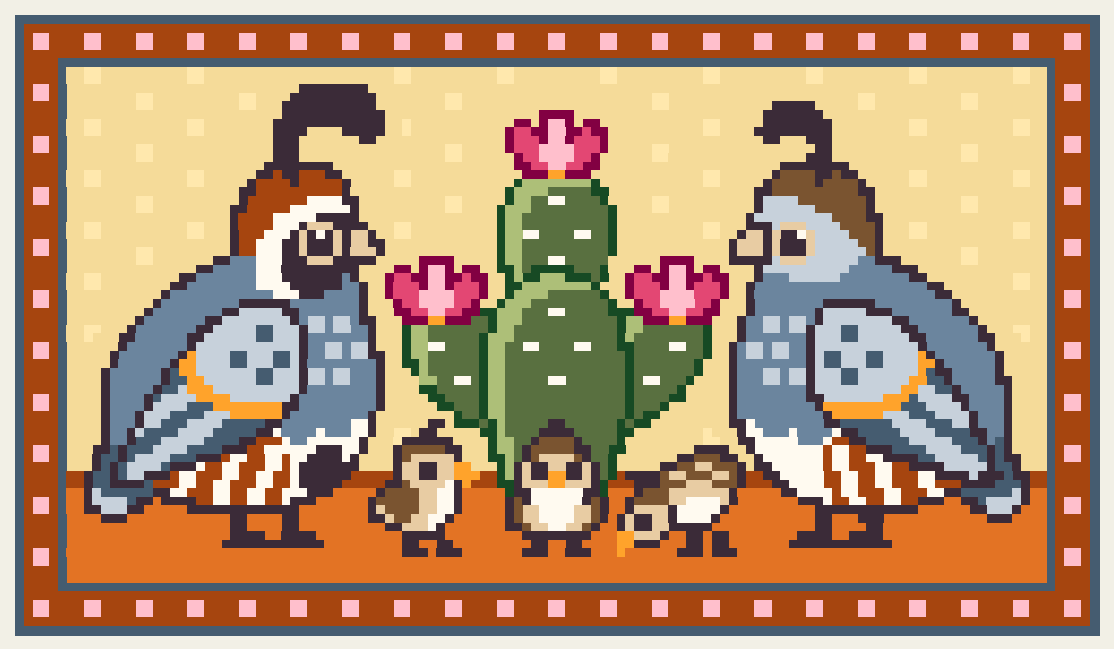
Desert quail family in folk art

Needlepoint pattern | 126 x 72 stitches | 7 x 4 in (17.8 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 18 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	3822	Light Straw	2,318	16	2
■	919	Red Copper	1,412	10	2
▲	930	Dark Antique Blue	907	7	1
◆	3371	Black Brown	848	6	1
▼	922	Light Copper	817	6	1
★	931	Medium Antique Blue	489	4	1
❖	987	Dark Forest Green	406	3	1
X	3752	Very Light Antique Blue	406	3	1
O	605	Very Light Cranberry	296	3	1
+	712	Cream	255	2	1
=	745	Light Pale Yellow	190	2	1
Z	738	Very Light Tan	129	1	1
A	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	127	1	1
V	433	Medium Brown	119	1	1
T	915	Dark Plum	105	1	1
N	471	Very Light Avocado Green	104	1	1
S	741	Medium Tangerine	75	1	1
K	602	Medium Cranberry	69	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 11 x 8 in (27.9 x 20.3 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

9,072 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 divided evenly over 2 pages. Where chart pages join, gray squares repeat two 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 20 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 18 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 18 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 69 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.

When it is stitched: also have a finisher, or the fabric and cord to make it up yourself. Ask before you stitch the edge: some finishes take extra rows. "Ways to finish needlepoint" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 63, rows 1 to 72

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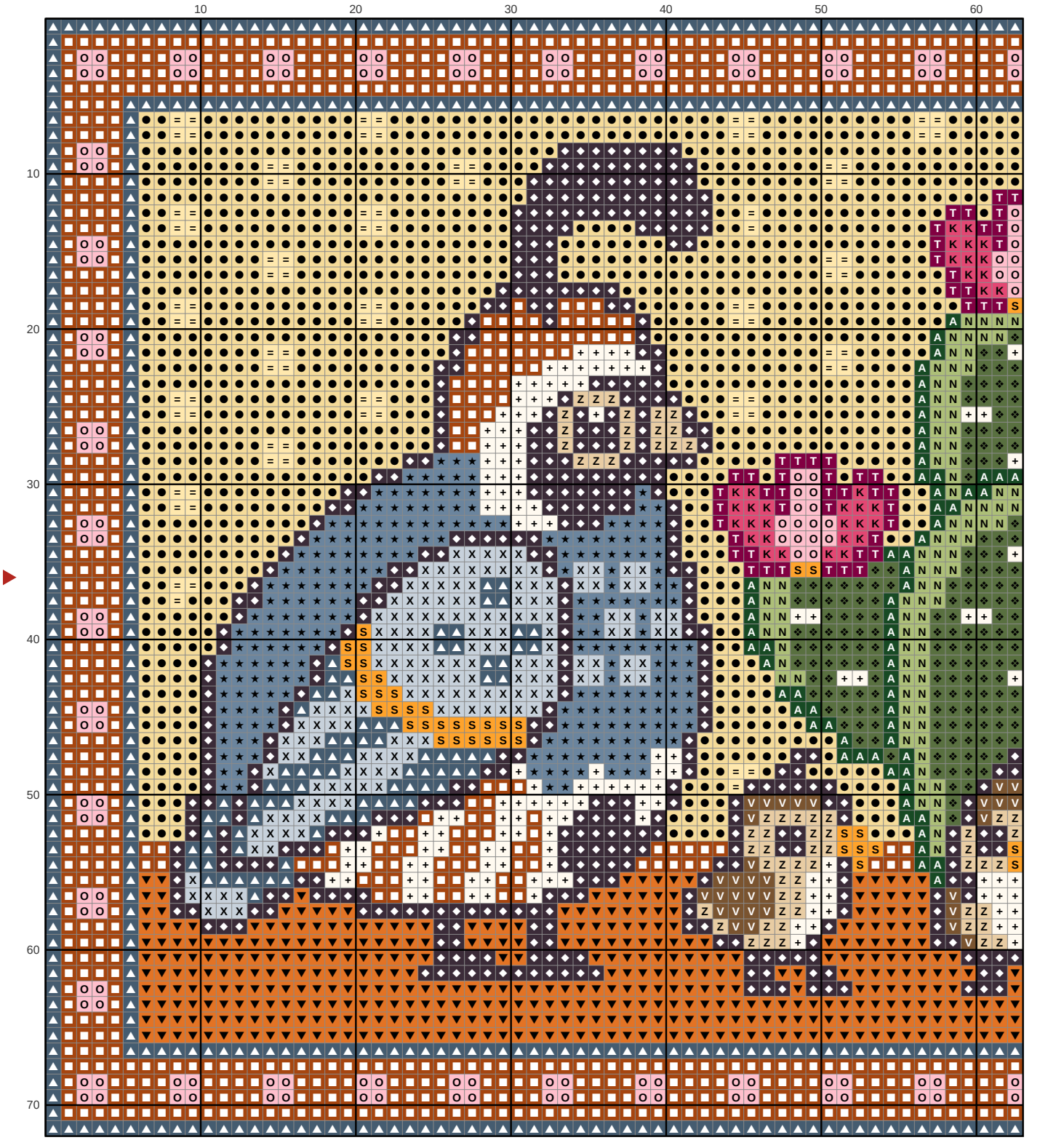

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 64 to 126, rows 1 to 72; gray squares repeat columns 62 and 63

