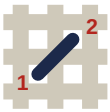
Red birds nesting in a pine bough ring

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 90 stitches | 5 x 5 in (12.7 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 45, row 45 (DMC 823): 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 in DMC 815: the opening's edge 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, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 9.5 in square (24.1 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 16 colors, about 18 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Fit it into a lid: the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first.
How to fit it into a lid.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	2,092	2
■	**321**	Red	1,360	2
▲	**988**	Medium Forest Green	832	1
◆	**3348**	Light Yellow Green	652	1
▼	**434**	Light Brown	520	1
★	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	486	1
❖	**319**	Very Dark Pistachio Green	482	1
X	**815**	Medium Garnet	480	1
H	**783**	Medium Topaz	394	1
+	**712**	Cream	294	1
=	**738**	Very Light Tan	208	1
Z	**436**	Tan	158	1
A	**3712**	Medium Salmon	80	1
V	**3755**	Baby Blue	46	1
T	**3325**	Light Baby Blue	8	1
N	**939**	Very Dark Navy Blue	8	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 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 49, rows 1 to 90. Start at the red outline

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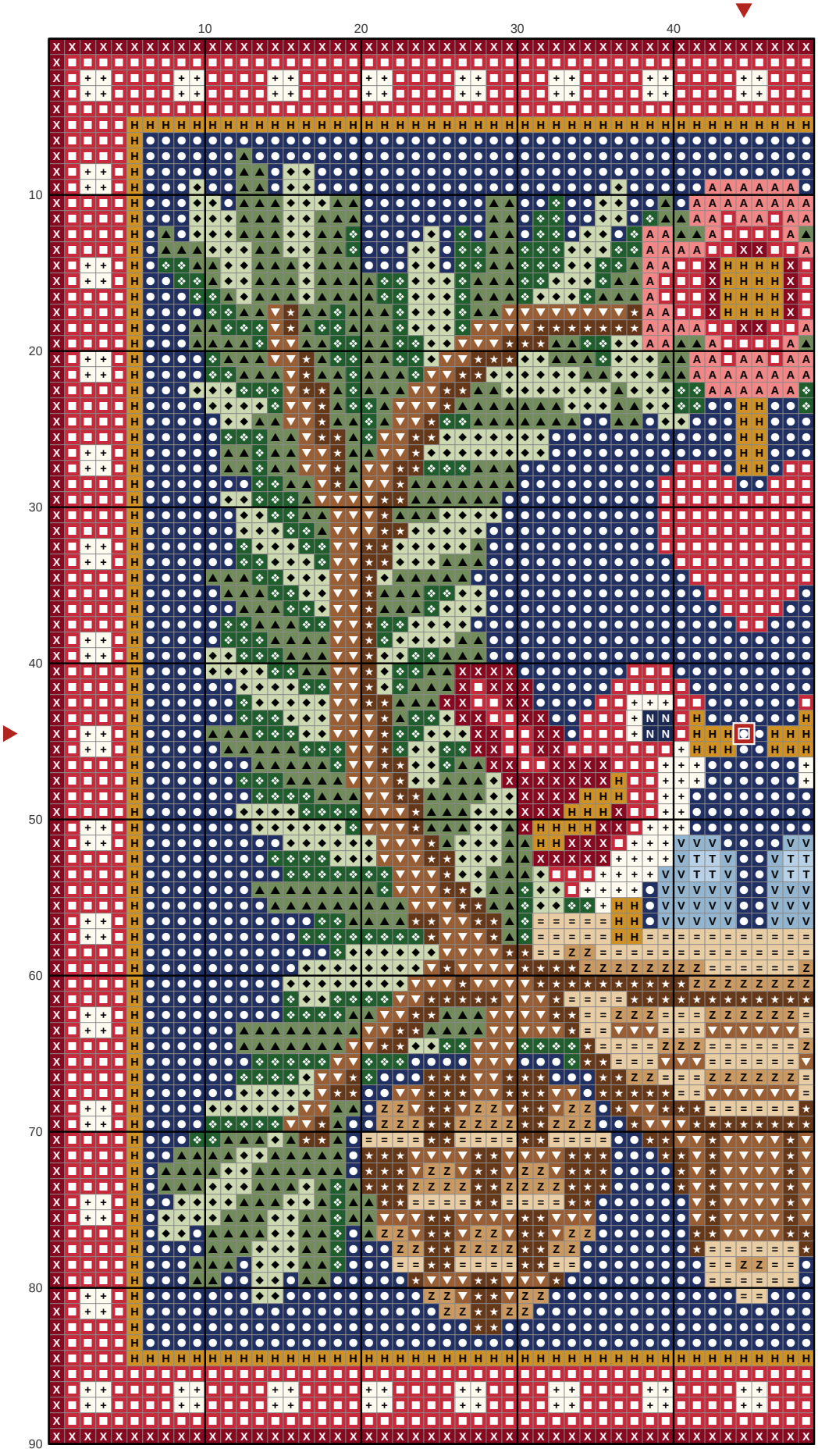

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- **DMC 321** Red
- **DMC 988** Medium Forest Green
- **DMC 3348** Light Yellow Green
- **DMC 434** Light Brown
- **DMC 801** Dark Coffee Brown
- **DMC 319** Very Dark Pistachio Green
- **DMC 815** Medium Garnet
- **DMC 783** Medium Topaz
- **DMC 712** Cream
- **DMC 738** Very Light Tan
- **DMC 436** Tan
- **DMC 3712** Medium Salmon
- **DMC 3755** Baby Blue
- **DMC 3325** Light Baby Blue
- **DMC 939** Very Dark Navy Blue

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Columns 50 to 90, rows 1 to 90. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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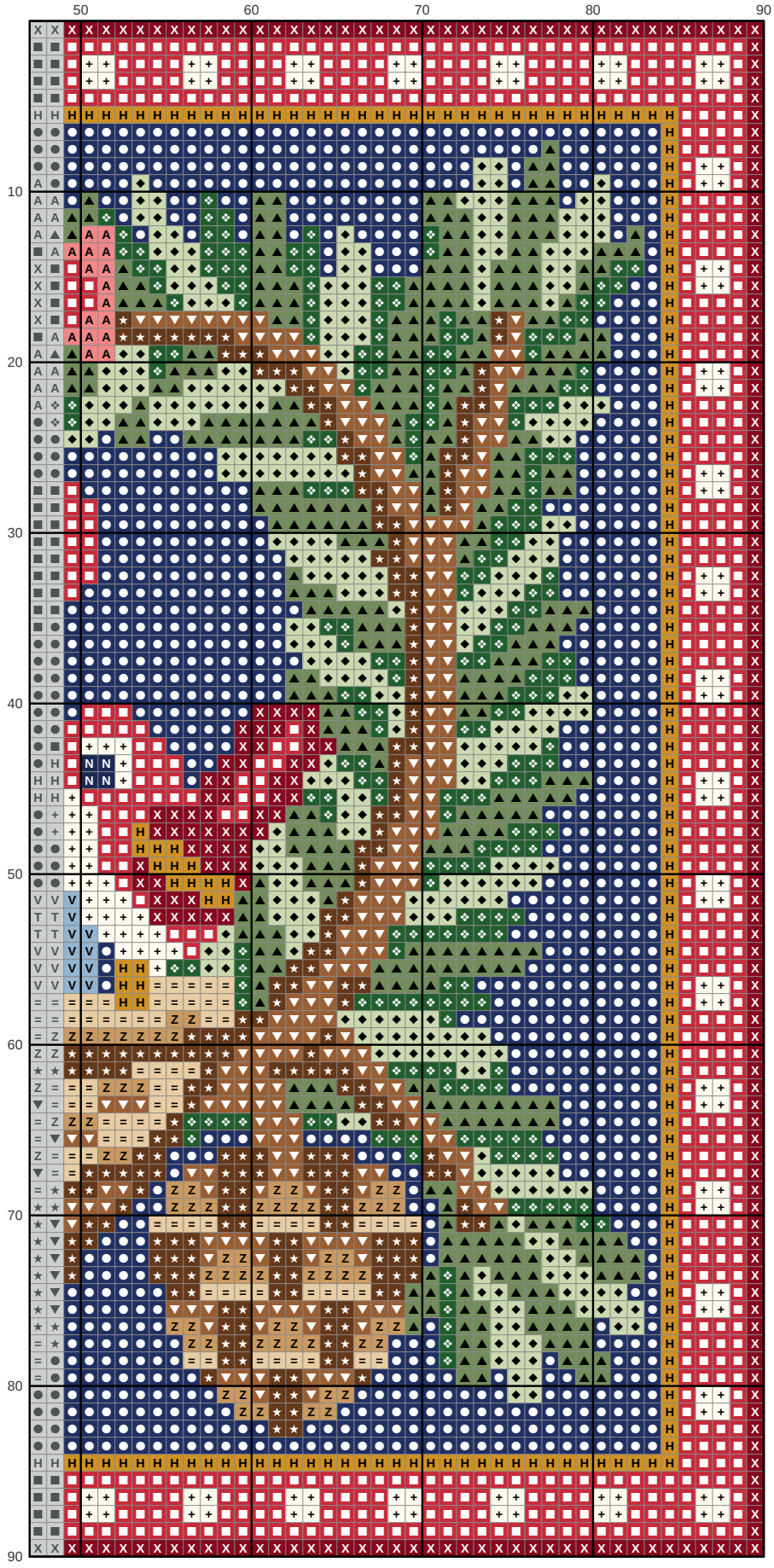

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