Ukrainian-style red bird towel band

Needlepoint pattern | 312 x 60 stitches | 17.3 x 3.3 in (44 x 8.5 cm) on 18 mesh | 6 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC ECRU**	Ecru	7,932	55	7
■	**DMC 321**	Red	5,528	38	5
▲	**DMC 783**	Medium Topaz	1,752	12	2
◆	**DMC 310**	Black	1,420	10	2
▼	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	1,304	9	2
★	**DMC 3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	784	6	1

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

The chart shows 2 repeats; one repeat is 156 x 60 stitches. The pattern can be carried on to any size.

For this sample, cut the canvas at least 21.3 x 7.3 in (54.2 x 18.6 cm) for 18 mesh: what is charted and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

18,720 stitches in this sample. 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 3 pages. Pages 2, 3 and 4 are turned on their side, for a part that is wider than it is tall. 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 for this sample: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 19 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 8 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 9 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 130 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 3: columns 1 to 104, rows 1 to 60

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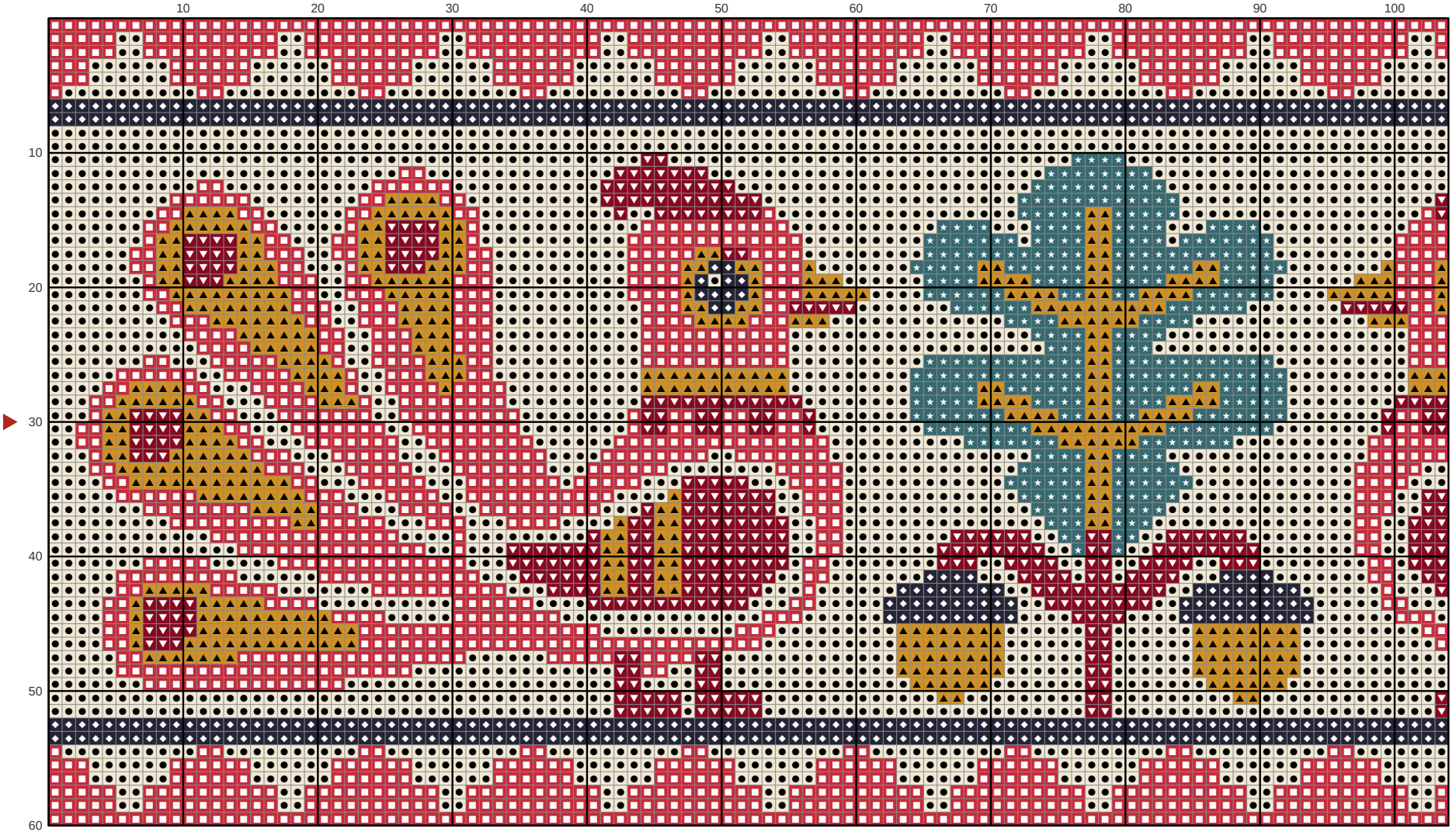

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Chart 2 of 3: columns 105 to 208, rows 1 to 60; gray squares repeat columns 103 and 104

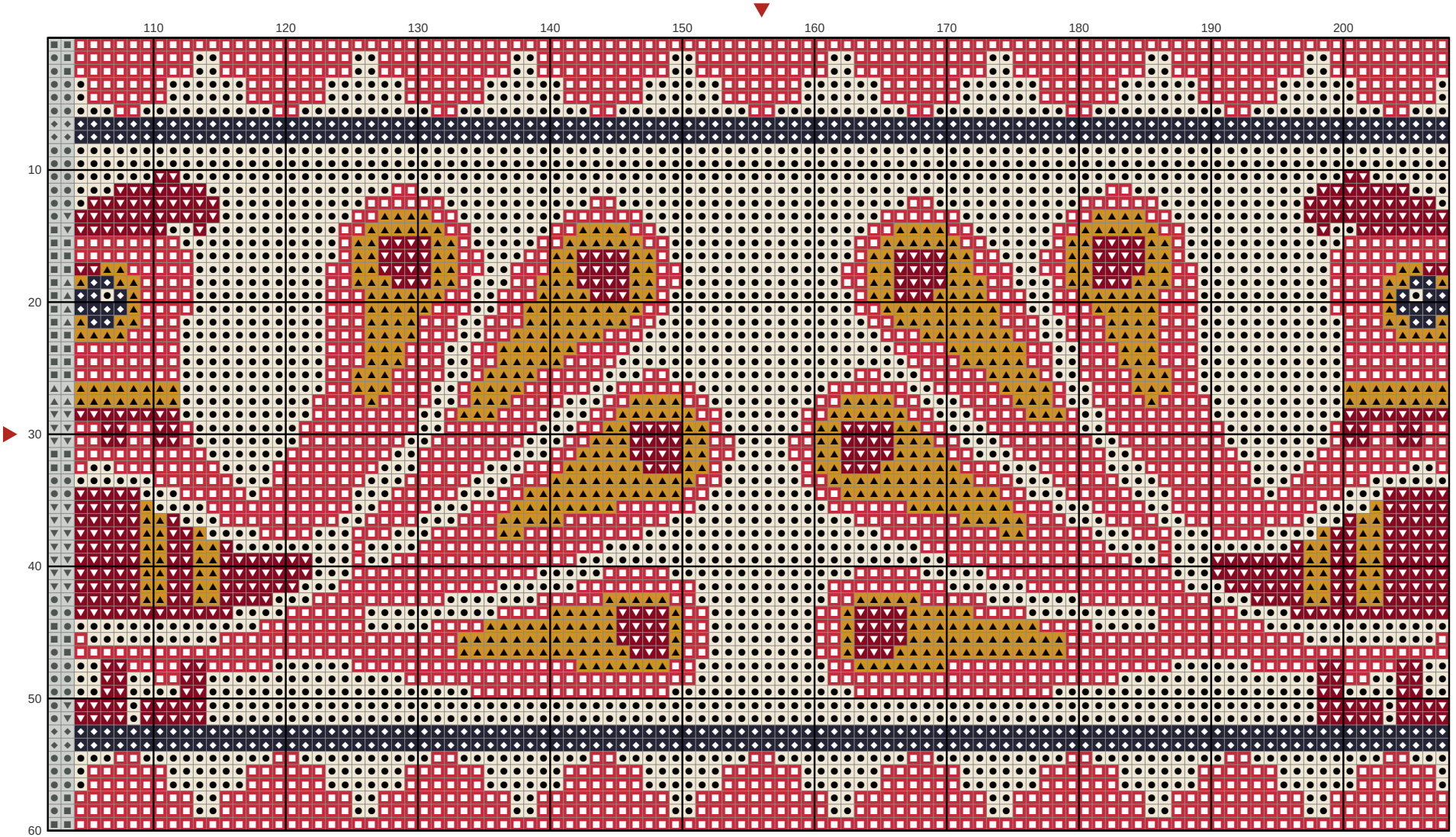

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Chart 3 of 3: columns 209 to 312, rows 1 to 60; gray squares repeat columns 207 and 208

