Ukrainian rusnyk towel band, red birds

Needlepoint pattern | 180 x 60 stitches | 10 x 3.3 in (25.4 x 8.5 cm) on 18 mesh | 4 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC ECRU**	Ecru	5,228	36	5
■	**DMC 321**	Red	2,538	18	2
▲	**DMC 814**	Dark Garnet	2,032	14	2
◆	**DMC 310**	Black	1,002	7	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 14 x 7.3 in (35.6 x 18.6 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

10,800 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. Pages 2 and 3 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: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 10 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 5 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 5 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 75 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 90, rows 1 to 60

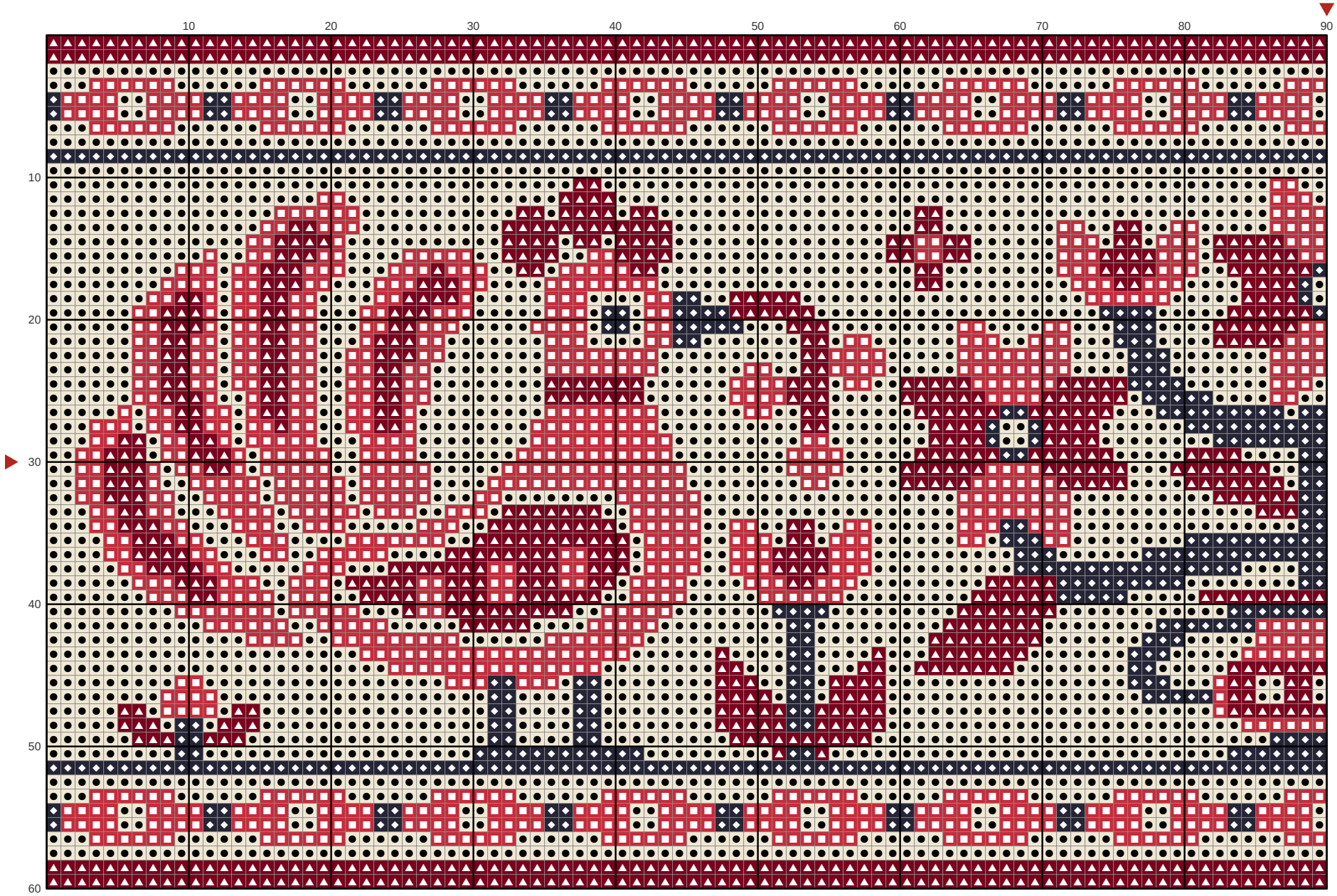

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 91 to 180, rows 1 to 60; gray squares repeat columns 89 and 90

