Pheasant feather bargello

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 canvas threads | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 6 colors



Thread key

			squares	yards	skeins of pearl
●	**DMC 938**	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	1,248	6	1
■	**DMC 739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	1,072	5	1
▲	**DMC 920**	Medium Copper	912	5	1
◆	**DMC 300**	Very Dark Mahogany	752	4	1
▼	**DMC 931**	Medium Antique Blue	640	3	1
★	**DMC 729**	Medium Old Gold	560	3	1

Each upright stitch covers 4 canvas threads; some are shorter, inside the pattern and along the top and bottom edges. One chart square is one canvas thread, and each outlined bar is one stitch, with its symbol in the middle.

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

5,184 chart squares stitched in all. Start from the center: the red arrows above and to the left of the chart mark it.

Thread: pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand in the needle on 18 mesh, about 6 skeins of 27.3 yd in all. Or six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands, about 6 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 6 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 26 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.

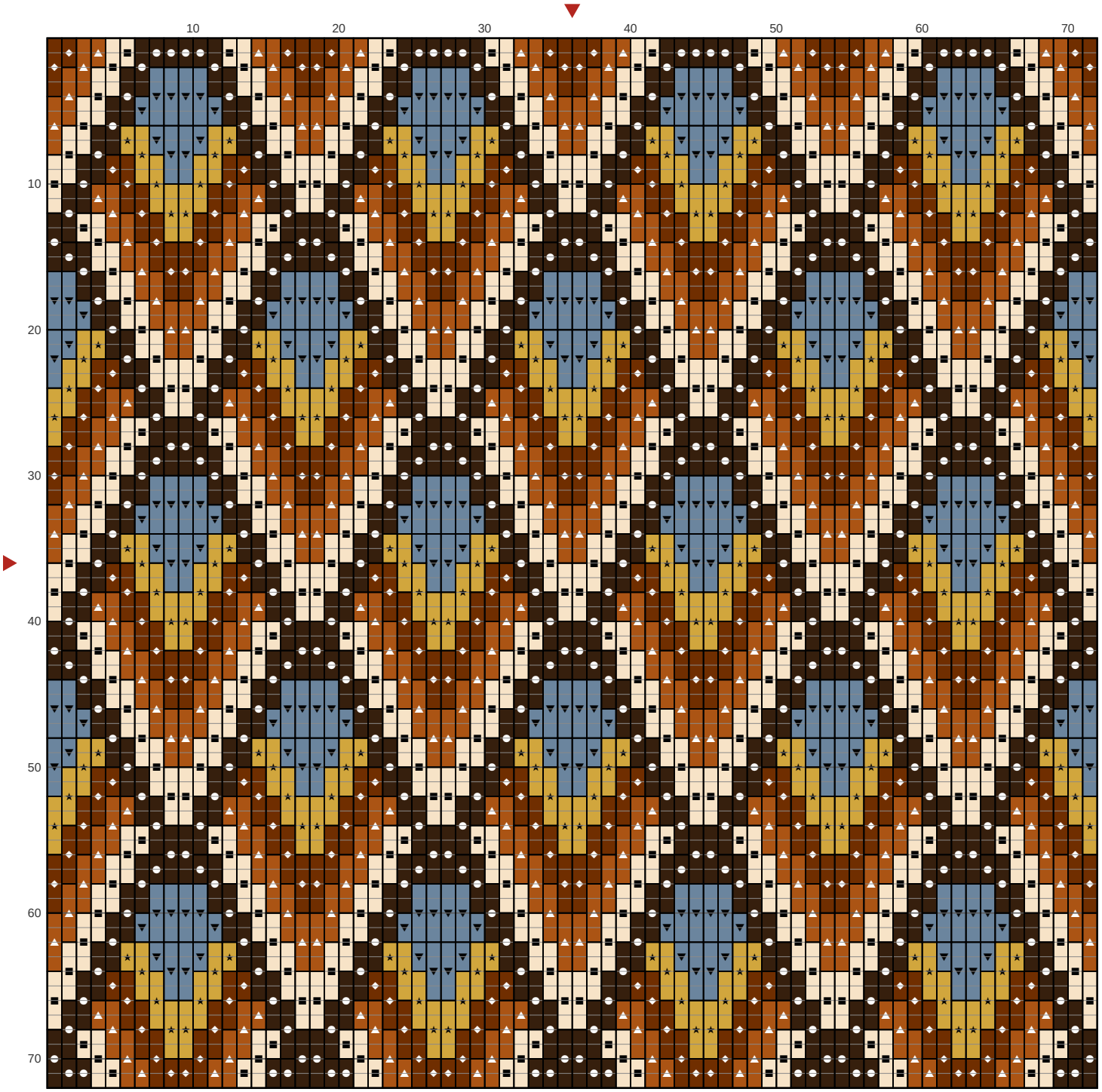
Make it an ornament: also have board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord. Stitch two or three rows of tent stitch all round, outside the pattern: the edge of the board takes them. "How to finish an ornament" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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