Santa Claus diamonds stocking

Needlepoint pattern | 143 x 234 stitches | 11 x 18 in (27.9 x 45.7 cm) on 13 mesh | 8 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**DMC 712**	Cream	6,358	61	10
■	**DMC 321**	Red	6,197	59	9
▲	**DMC 500**	Very Dark Blue Green	5,457	52	8
◆	**DMC 3820**	Dark Straw	2,494	24	4
▼	**DMC 407**	Dark Desert Sand	850	9	2
★	**DMC 433**	Medium Brown	780	8	2
❖	**DMC 3856**	Ultra Very Light Mahogany	580	6	1
X	**DMC 310**	Black	204	2	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 15 x 22 in (38.1 x 55.9 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

22,920 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 143 x 234 at its widest and tallest. 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 on 4 pages, each cut to what is stitched: bare canvas has no page, and a join falls on plain ground where it can. 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 rows or columns. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 7 or 8 strands in the needle on 13 mesh (counted at 8), about 37 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 18 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 27 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 22 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 20.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 221 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 a stocking: also have backing and lining fabric, cord or piping, and a loop. Finishers ask for stockings months before Christmas, and most want two extra rows all round. Ask yours before the edge, and stitch a name first. "How to finish a stocking" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 4: columns 62 to 143, rows 1 to 71

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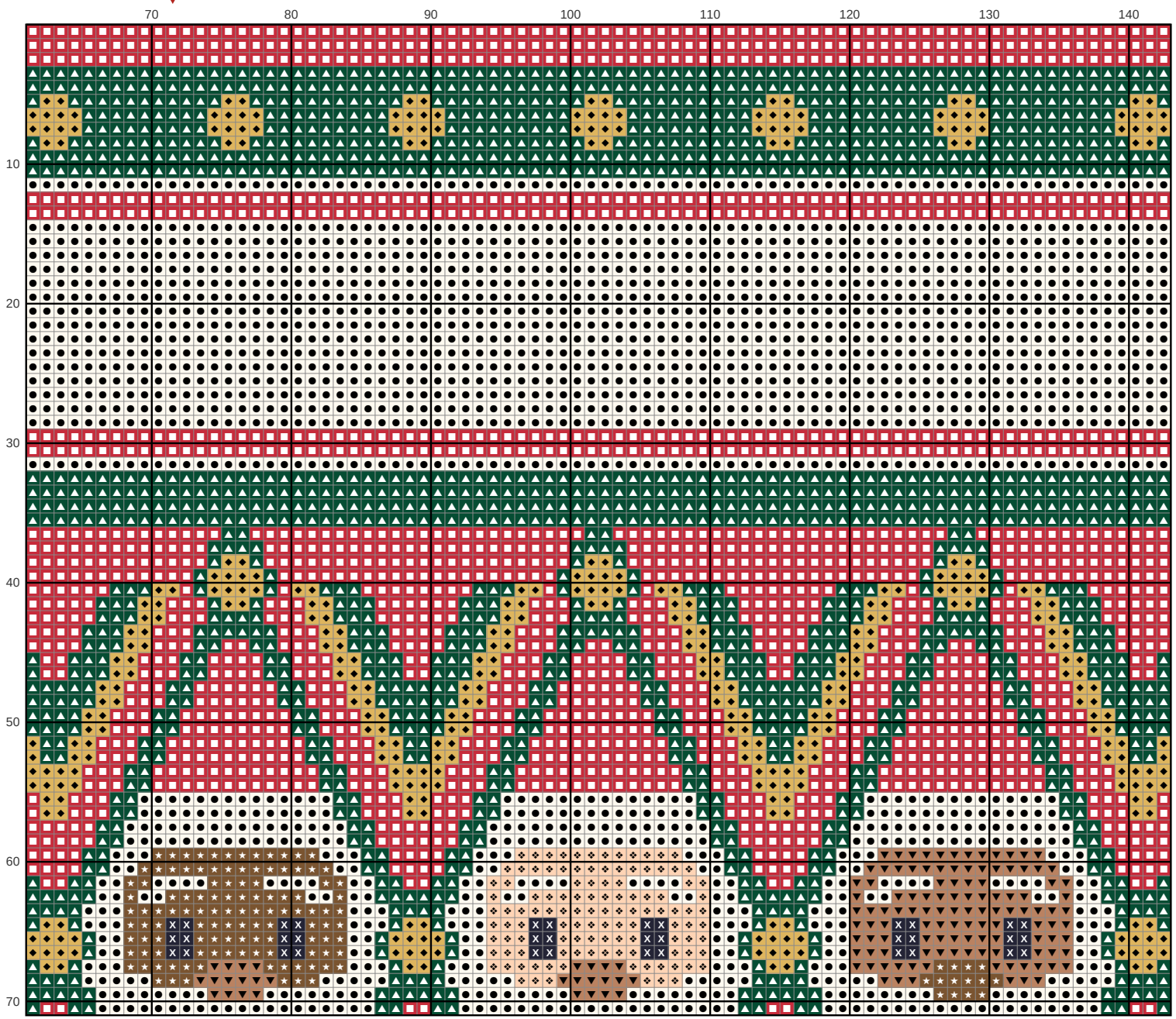

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Chart 2 of 4: columns 61 to 143, rows 72 to 140; gray squares repeat rows 70 and 71

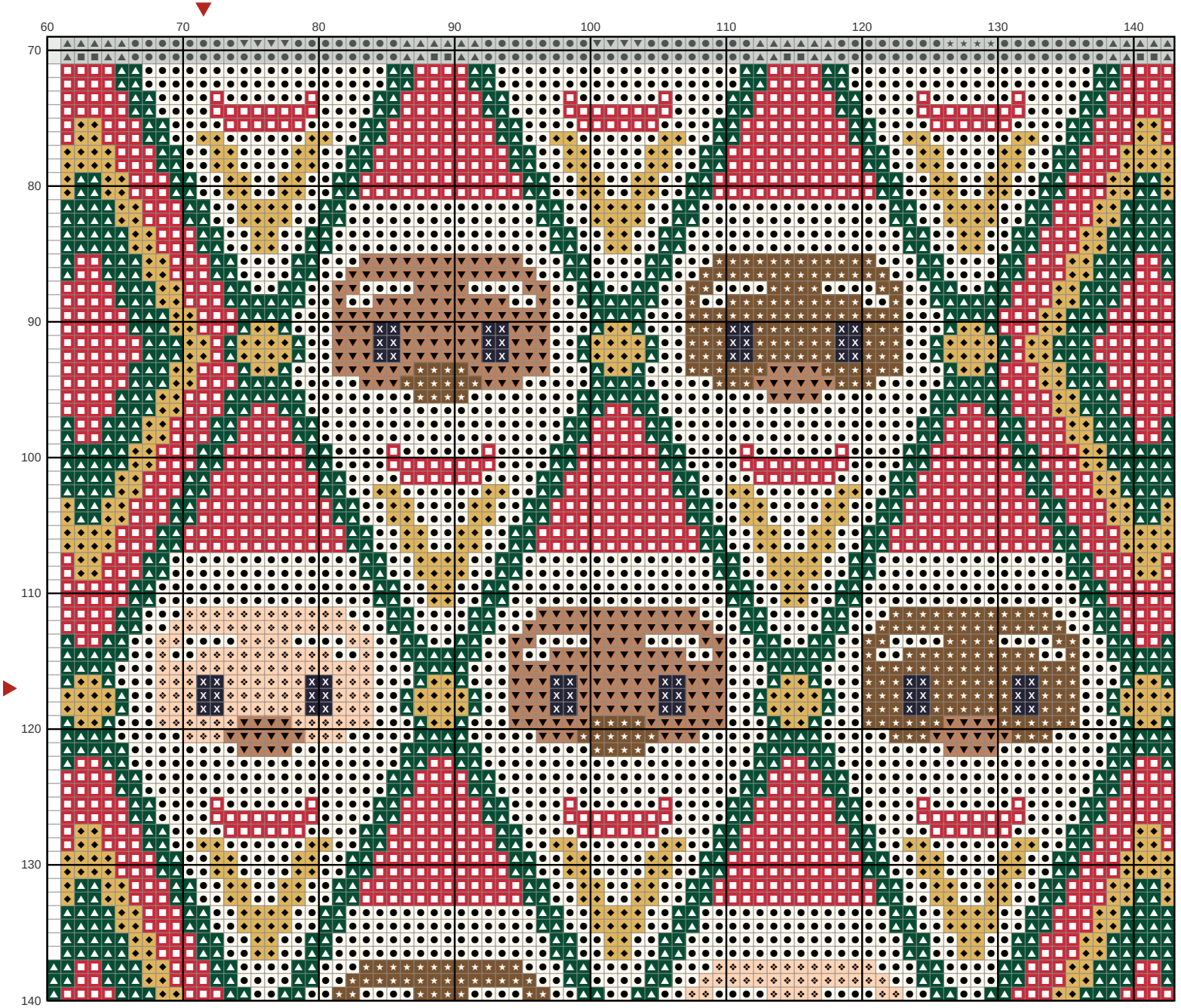

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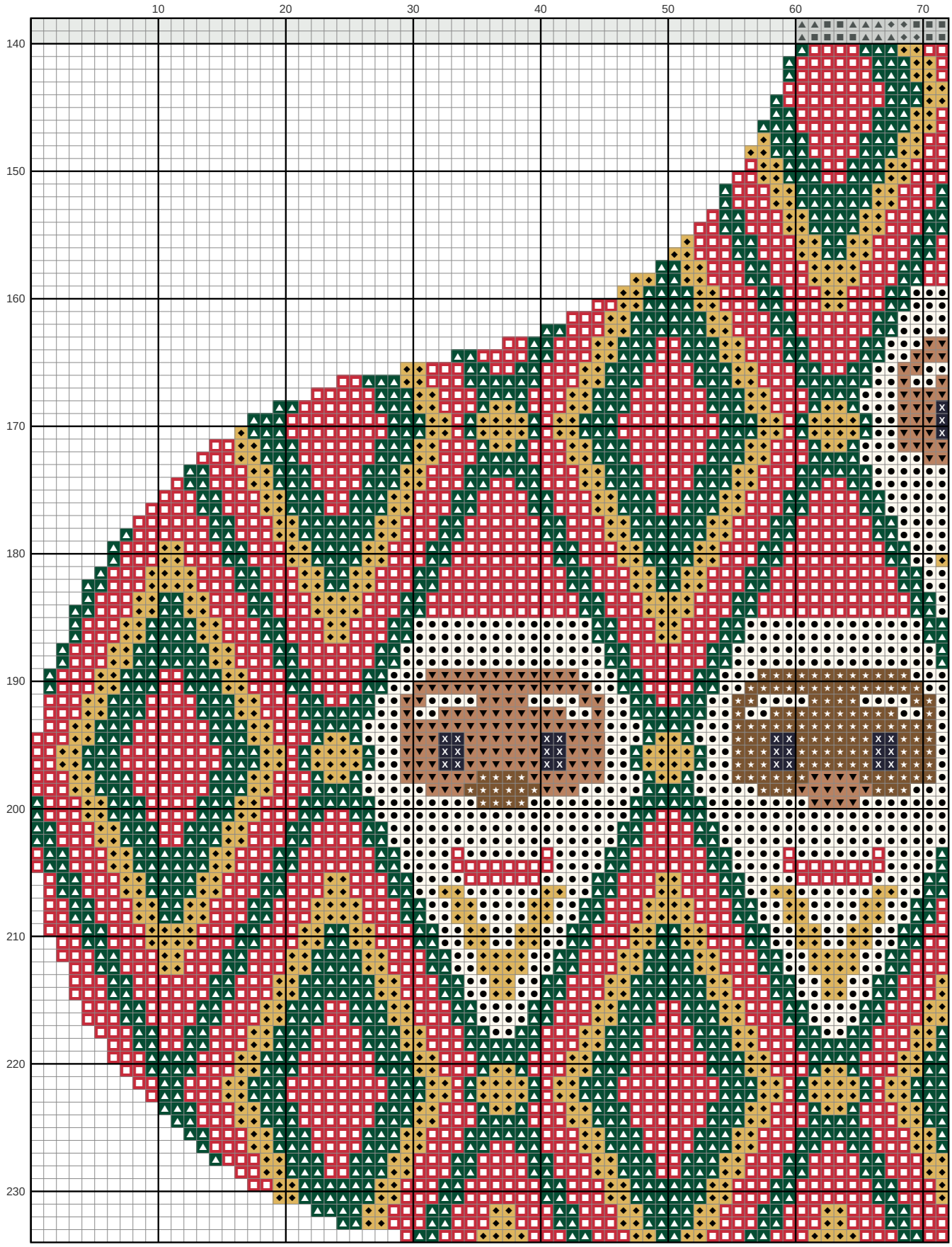
Chart 3 of 4: columns 1 to 72, rows 141 to 234; gray squares repeat rows 139 and 140

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