Dog breeds stocking in Nordic bands

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	7,157	68	11
■	**DMC 498**	Dark Red	5,990	57	9
▲	**DMC 500**	Very Dark Blue Green	3,959	38	6
◆	**DMC 842**	Very Light Beige Brown	2,369	23	4
▼	**DMC 3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	1,082	11	2
★	**DMC 435**	Very Light Brown	1,058	11	2
❖	**DMC 814**	Dark Garnet	864	9	2
X	**DMC 839**	Dark Beige Brown	441	5	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 29 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 21 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 222 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 73

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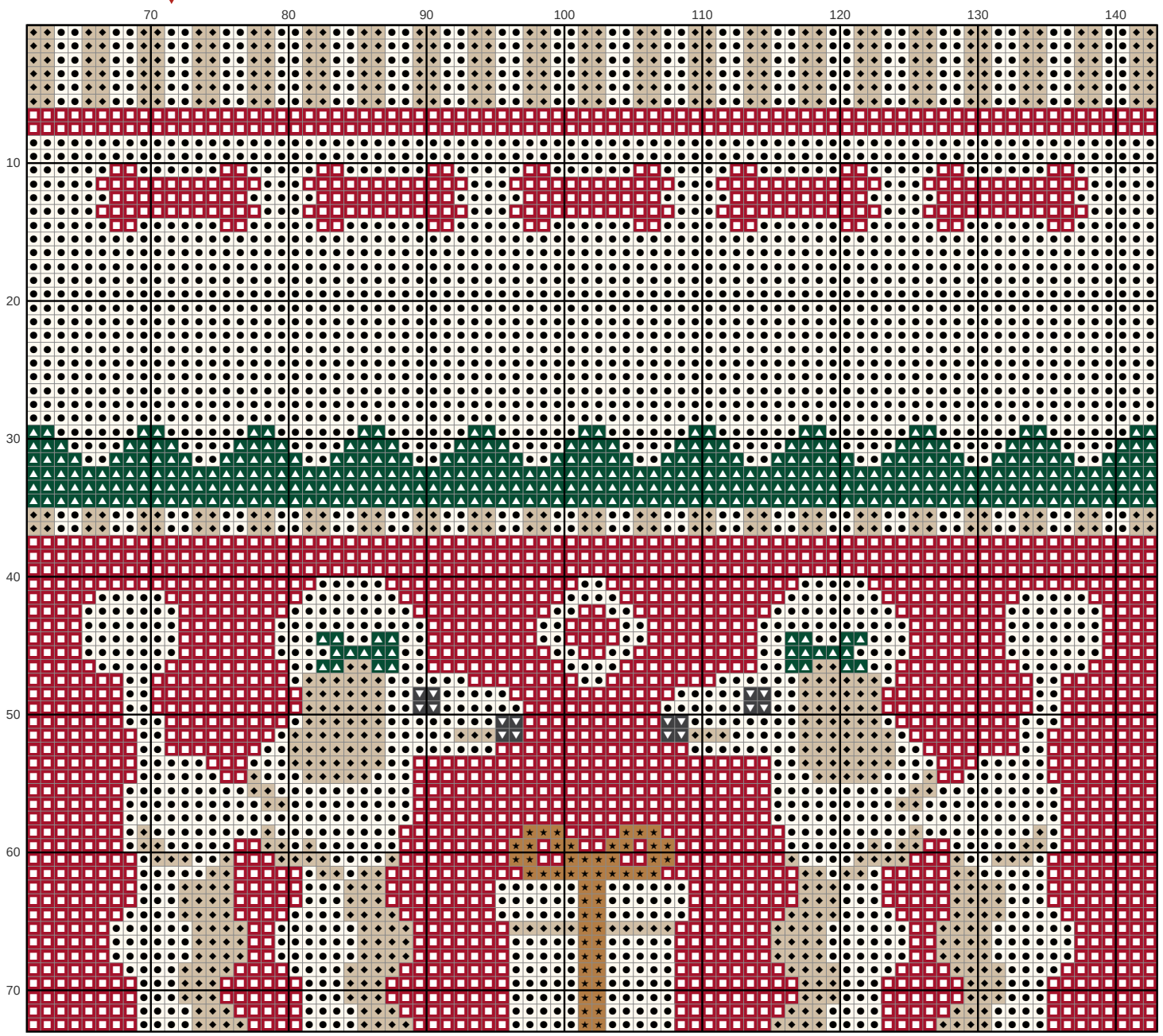

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Chart 2 of 4: columns 60 to 143, rows 74 to 142; gray squares repeat rows 72 and 73

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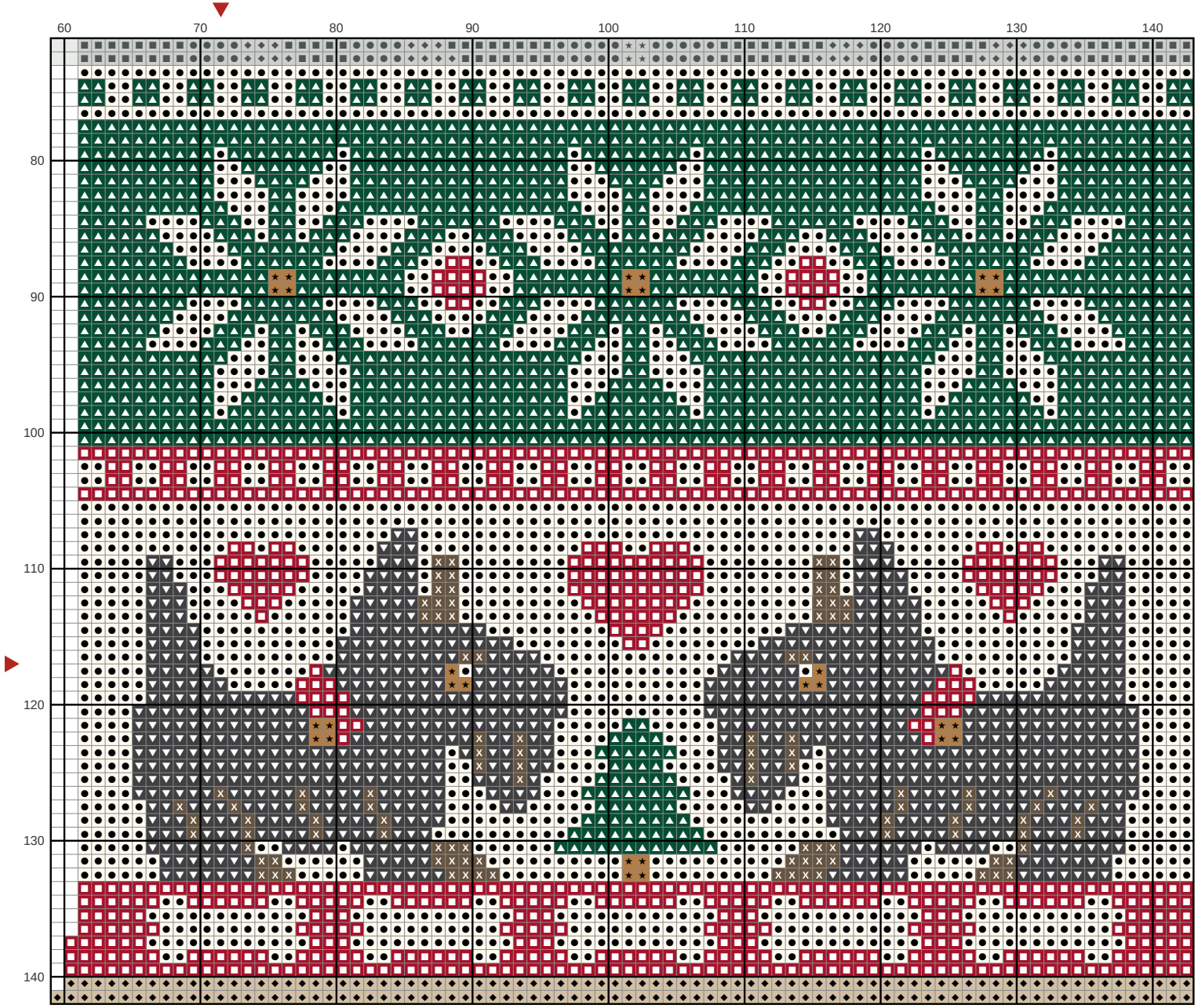

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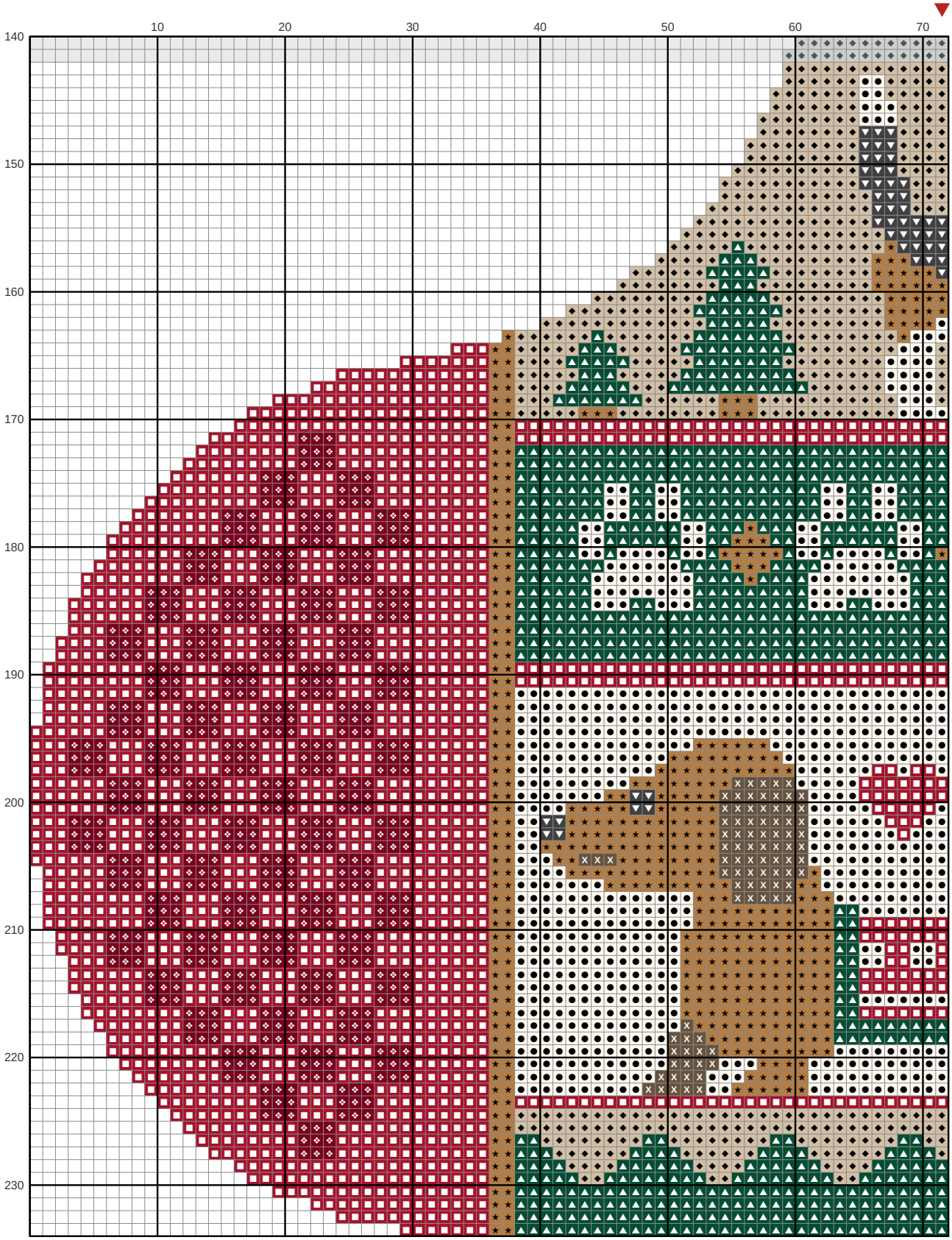

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Chart 4 of 4: columns 73 to 143, rows 143 to 234; gray squares repeat columns 71 and 72 and rows 141 and 142

