Easy row of three nutcrackers

Needlepoint pattern | 130 x 91 stitches | 10 x 7 in (25.4 x 17.8 cm) on 13 mesh | 7 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	3,663	35	6
■	**DMC 321**	Red	3,565	34	6
▲	**DMC BLANC**	White	2,588	25	4
◆	**DMC 3325**	Light Baby Blue	1,290	13	2
▼	**DMC 322**	Dark Baby Blue	364	4	1
★	**DMC 945**	Tawny	330	4	1
❖	**DMC 3778**	Light Terra Cotta	30	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 14 x 11 in (35.6 x 27.9 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

11,830 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.

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Thread: six-strand floss, 7 or 8 strands in the needle on 13 mesh (counted at 8), about 21 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 12 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 16 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 14 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 116 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 pillow: also have backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. The seam takes the last two rows: stitch two extra rows all round, or keep the edge plain. "How to finish a pillow" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 65, rows 1 to 91

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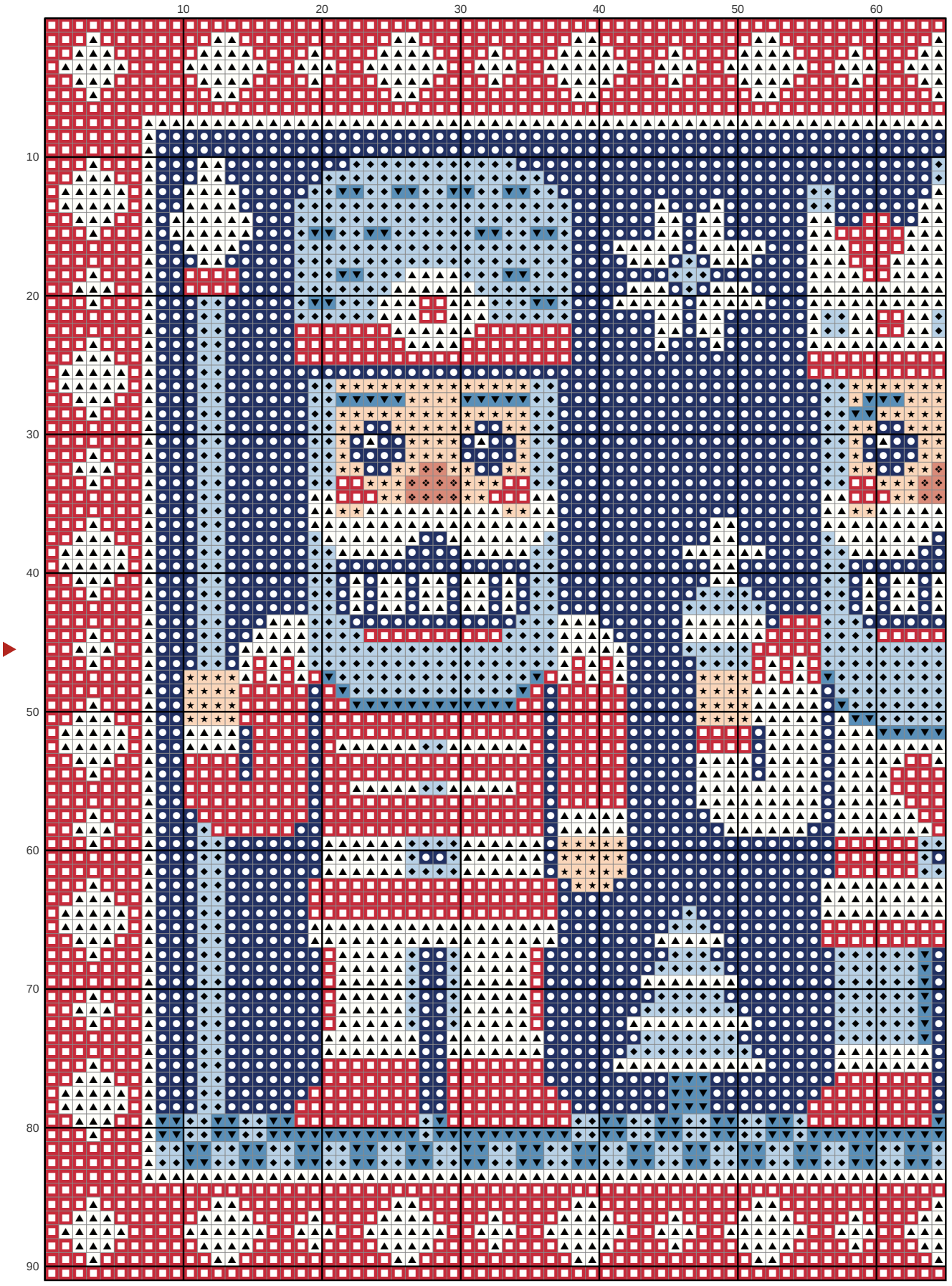

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 66 to 130, rows 1 to 91; gray squares repeat columns 64 and 65

