Animal alphabet for a nursery

Needlepoint pattern | 182 x 182 stitches | 14 x 14 in (35.6 x 35.6 cm) on 13 mesh | 24 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**ECRU**	Ecru	23,165	220	34
■	**989**	Forest Green	1,170	12	2
▲	**519**	Sky Blue	1,033	10	2
◆	**3731**	Very Dark Dusty Rose	895	9	2
▼	**3363**	Medium Pine Green	713	7	2
★	**922**	Light Copper	661	7	1
❖	**3865**	Winter White	641	7	1
X	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	523	5	1
O	**3371**	Black Brown	463	5	1
+	**209**	Dark Lavender	448	5	1
=	**415**	Pearl Gray	443	5	1
Z	**413**	Dark Pewter Gray	429	5	1
A	**782**	Dark Topaz	405	4	1
V	**433**	Medium Brown	396	4	1
T	**920**	Medium Copper	243	3	1
N	**437**	Light Tan	228	3	1
S	**208**	Very Dark Lavender	207	2	1
K	**3350**	Ultra Dark Dusty Rose	203	2	1
E	**435**	Very Light Brown	202	2	1
C	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	183	2	1
P	**3354**	Light Dusty Rose	138	2	1
U	**3821**	Straw	138	2	1
L	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	121	2	1
2	**369**	Very Light Pistachio Green	76	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 18 x 18 in (45.7 x 45.7 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

33,124 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 6 pages. 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 61 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 37 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 51 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 42 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 326 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.

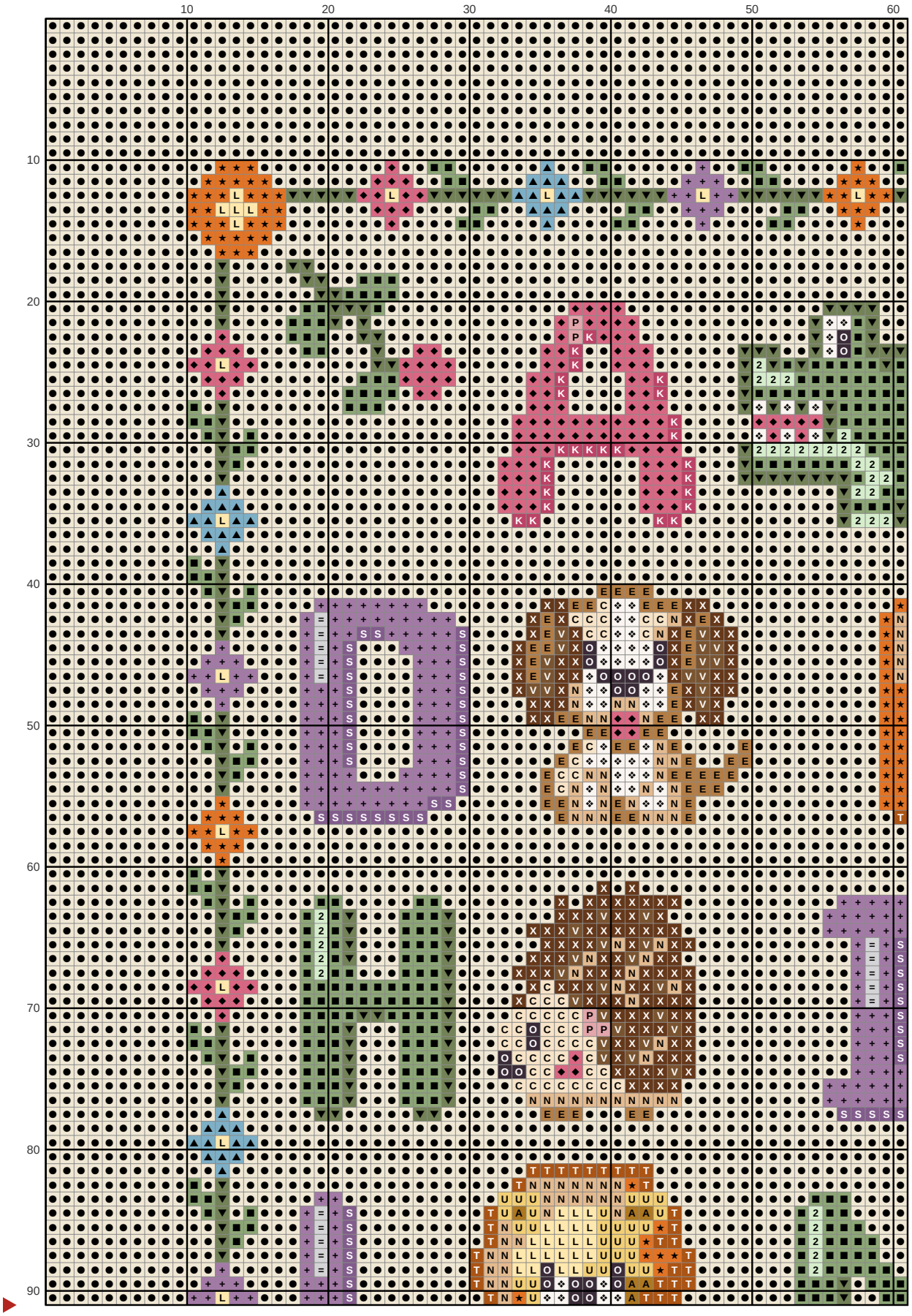
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Chart 1 of 6: columns 1 to 61, rows 1 to 91

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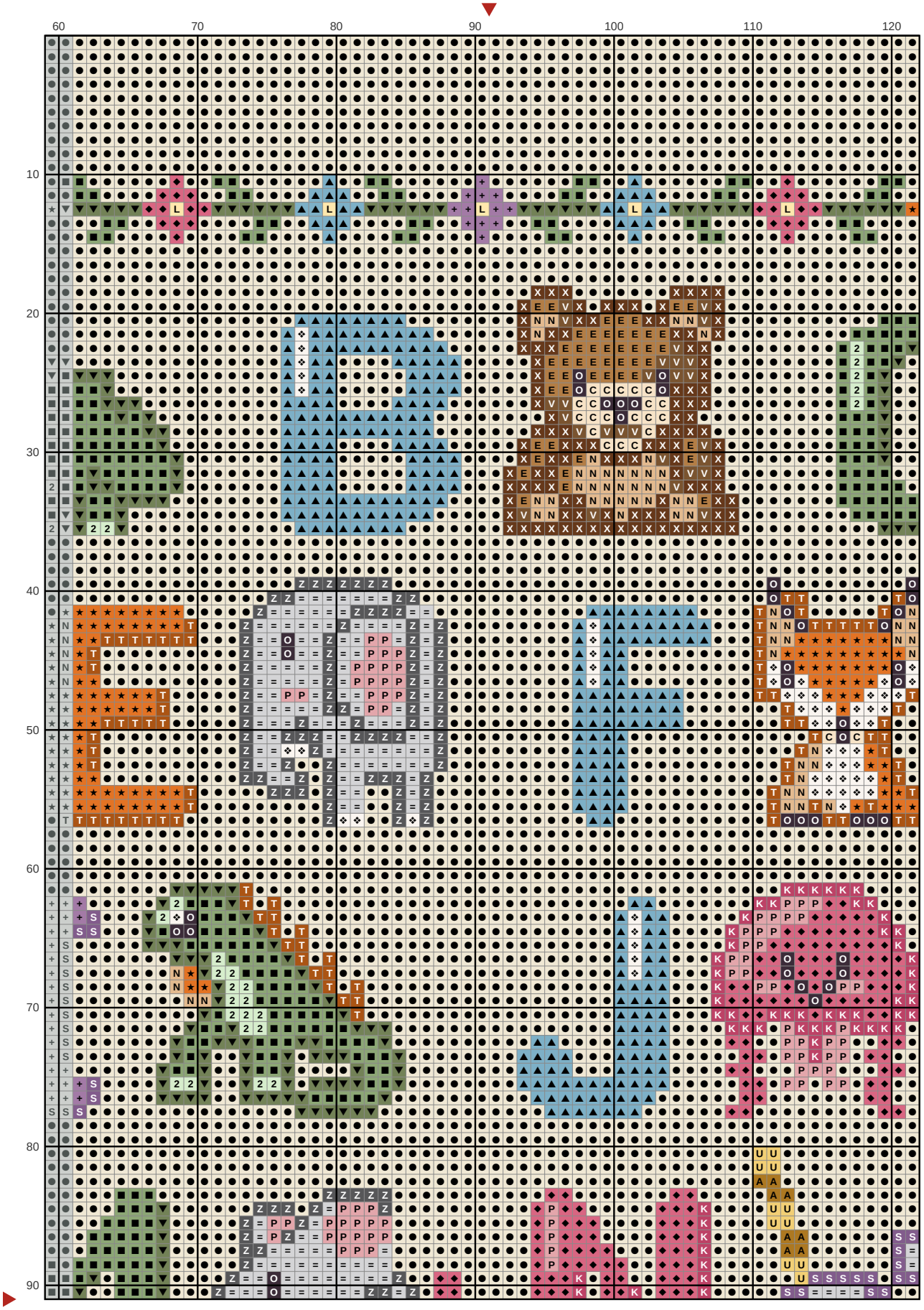


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Chart 2 of 6: columns 62 to 122, rows 1 to 91; gray squares repeat columns 60 and 61



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Chart 3 of 6: columns 123 to 182, rows 1 to 91; gray squares repeat columns 121 and 122

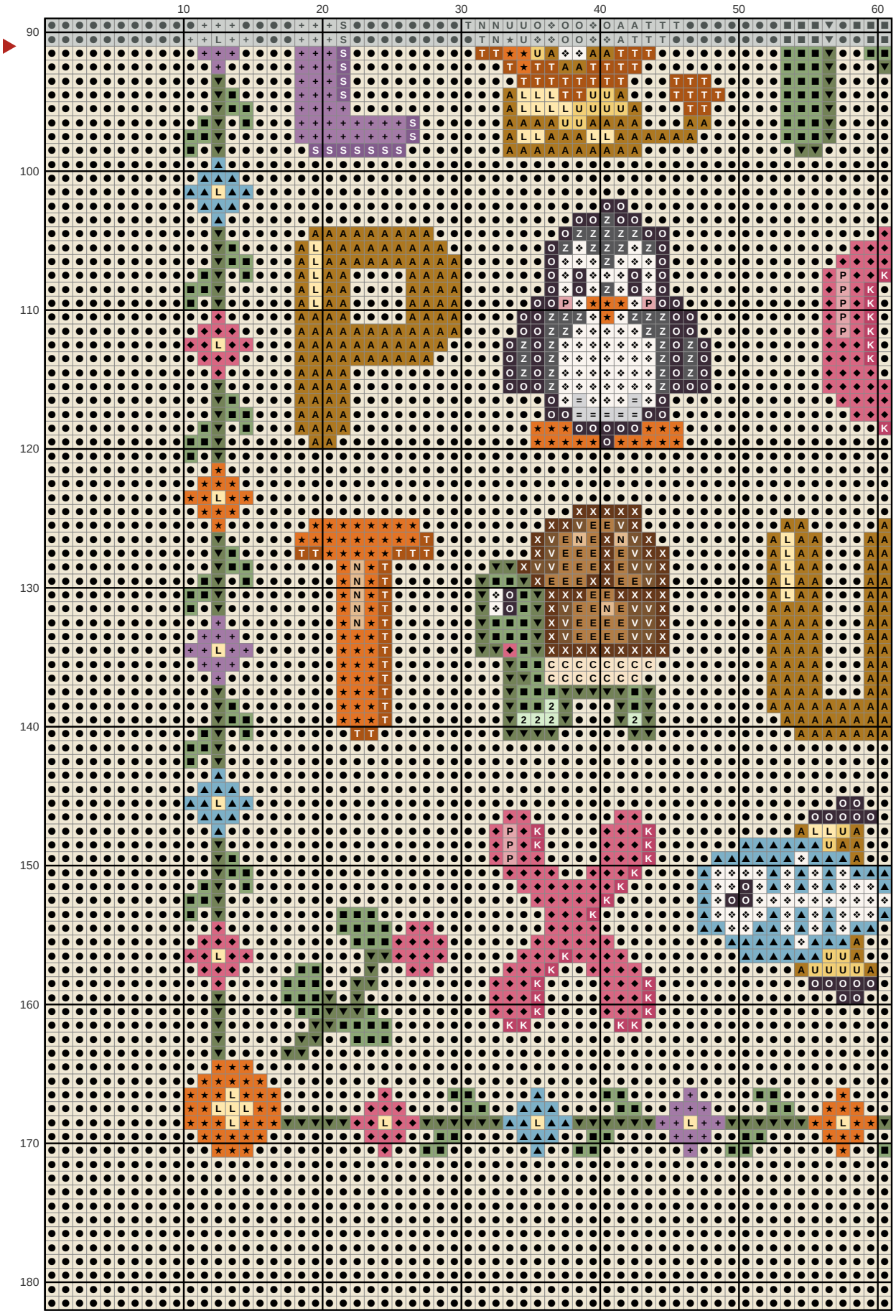


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Chart 4 of 6: columns 1 to 61, rows 92 to 182; gray squares repeat rows 90 and 91

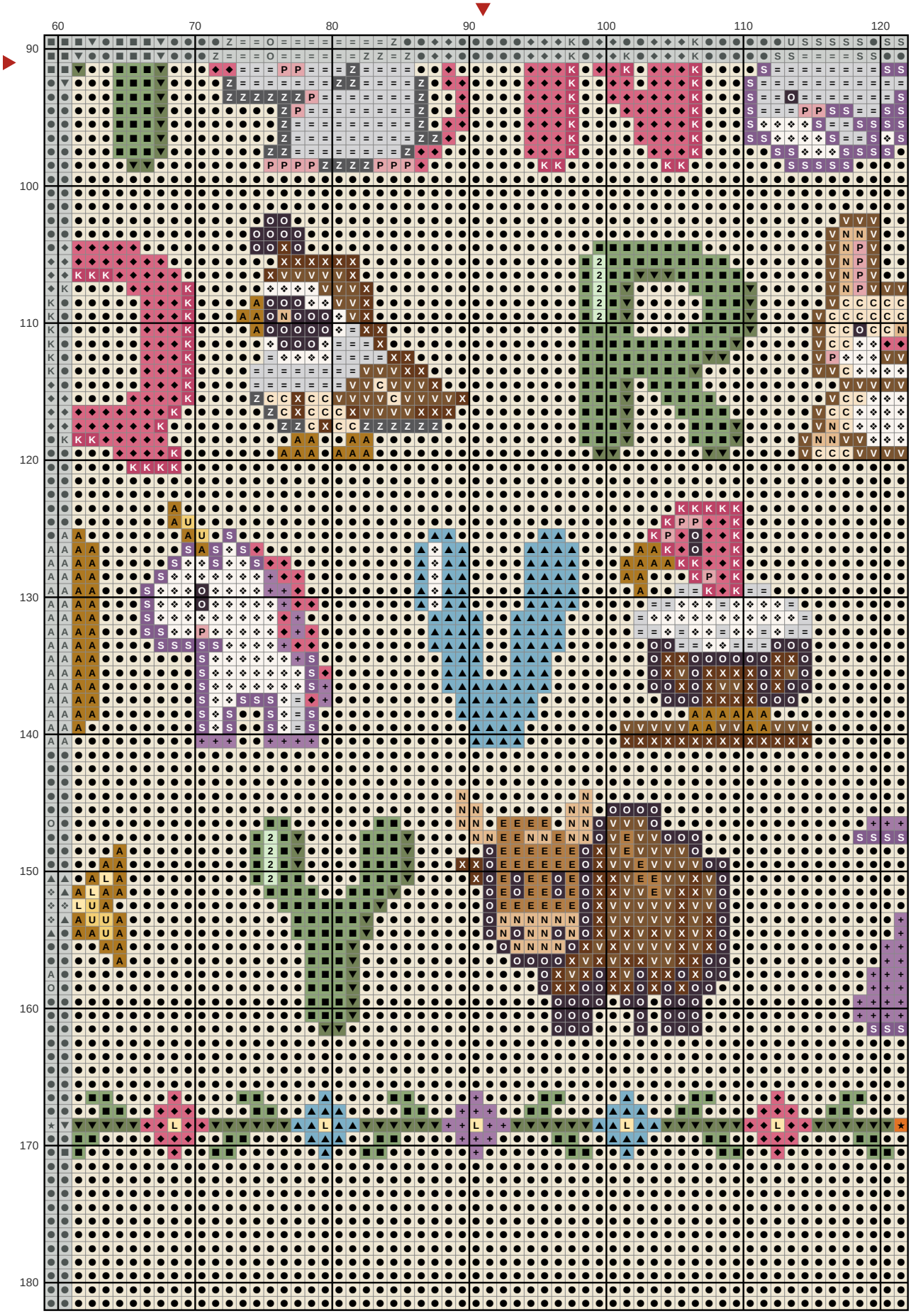


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Chart 5 of 6: columns 62 to 122, rows 92 to 182; gray squares repeat columns 60 and 61 and rows 90 and 91



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Chart 6 of 6: columns 123 to 182, rows 92 to 182; gray squares repeat columns 121 and 122 and rows 90 and 91

