Madrid, the Alcala Gate at sunset

Needlepoint pattern | 130 x 91 stitches | 10 x 7 in (25.4 x 17.8 cm) on 13 mesh | 20 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**934**	Black Avocado Green	1,011	10	2
■	**209**	Dark Lavender	975	10	2
▲	**319**	Very Dark Pistachio Green	974	10	2
◆	**797**	Royal Blue	952	10	2
▼	**3743**	Very Light Antique Violet	946	9	2
★	**739**	Ultra Very Light Tan	825	8	2
❖	**3825**	Pale Pumpkin	792	8	2
X	**712**	Cream	722	7	2
O	**3042**	Light Antique Violet	578	6	1
+	**3041**	Medium Antique Violet	551	6	1
=	**798**	Dark Delft Blue	532	6	1
Z	**3855**	Light Autumn Gold	519	5	1
A	**742**	Light Tangerine	455	5	1
V	**350**	Medium Coral	409	4	1
T	**352**	Light Coral	409	4	1
N	**988**	Medium Forest Green	347	4	1
S	**3746**	Dark Blue Violet	308	3	1
K	**3688**	Medium Mauve	283	3	1
E	**349**	Dark Coral	182	2	1
C	**3340**	Medium Apricot	60	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.

The chart is divided evenly over 2 pages. Where chart pages join, gray squares repeat two 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 28 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 20 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 25 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 20 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 121 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

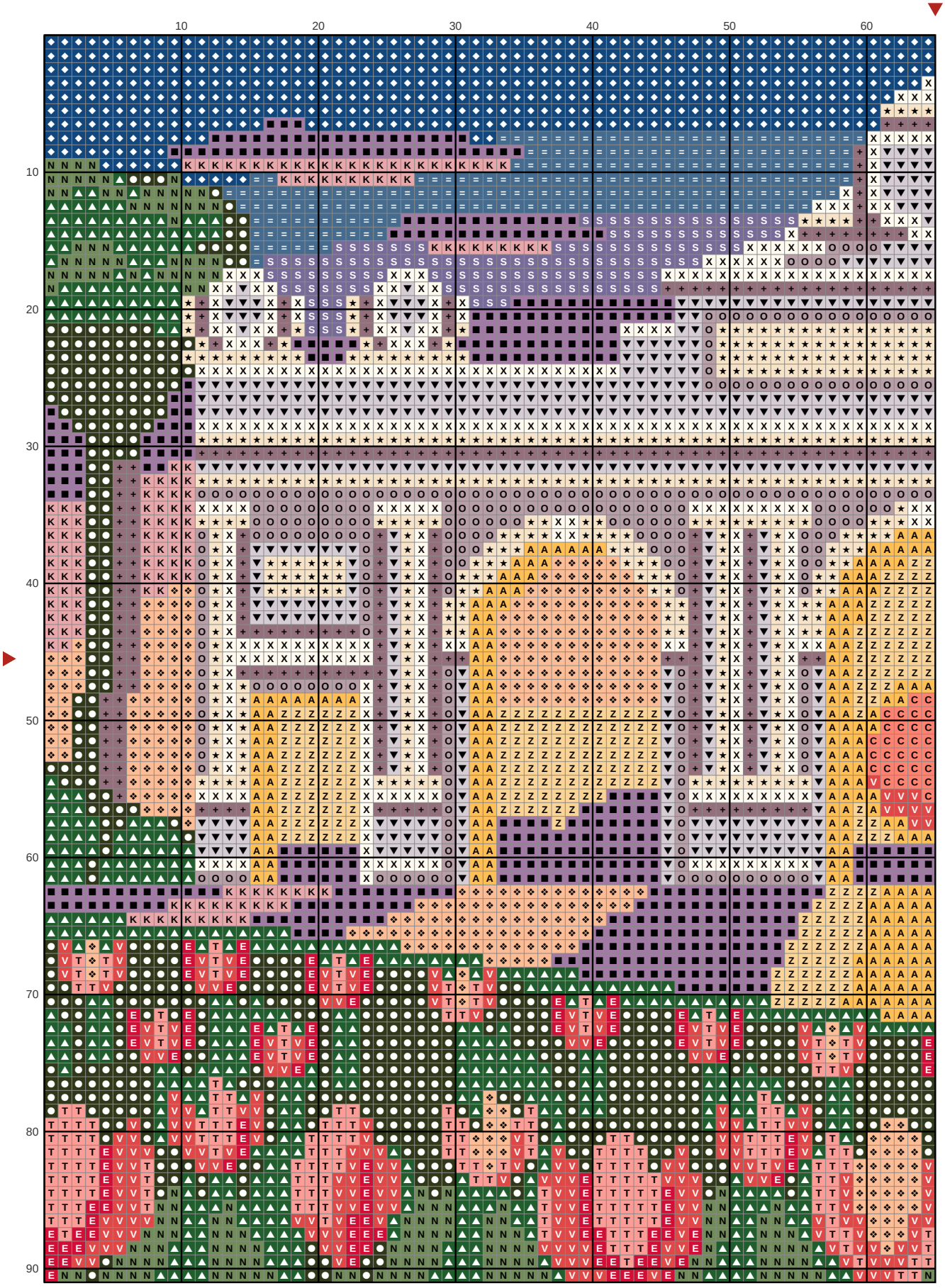

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 66 to 130, rows 1 to 91; gray squares repeat columns 64 and 65

