American bald eagle over a river valley

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 126 stitches | 5 x 7 in (12.7 x 17.8 cm) on 18 mesh | 20 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**3747**	Very Light Blue Violet	1,534	11	2
■	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	1,102	8	1
▲	**3011**	Dark Khaki Green	1,051	8	1
◆	**3371**	Black Brown	842	6	1
▼	**3012**	Medium Khaki Green	793	6	1
★	**801**	Dark Coffee Brown	745	6	1
❖	**975**	Dark Golden Brown	685	5	1
X	**501**	Dark Blue Green	584	4	1
O	**3856**	Ultra Very Light Mahogany	564	4	1
+	**948**	Very Light Peach	505	4	1
=	**783**	Medium Topaz	476	4	1
Z	**3865**	Winter White	391	3	1
A	**3746**	Dark Blue Violet	377	3	1
V	**792**	Dark Cornflower Blue	346	3	1
T	**340**	Medium Blue Violet	314	3	1
N	**758**	Very Light Terra Cotta	285	2	1
S	**3325**	Light Baby Blue	271	2	1
K	**435**	Very Light Brown	262	2	1
E	**3755**	Baby Blue	107	1	1
C	**3821**	Straw	106	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 9 x 11 in (22.9 x 27.9 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

11,340 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 on 2 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. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 21 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 20 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 20 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 86 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.

Frame it: also have acid-free board and a frame. "How to frame needlepoint" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 1 to 64

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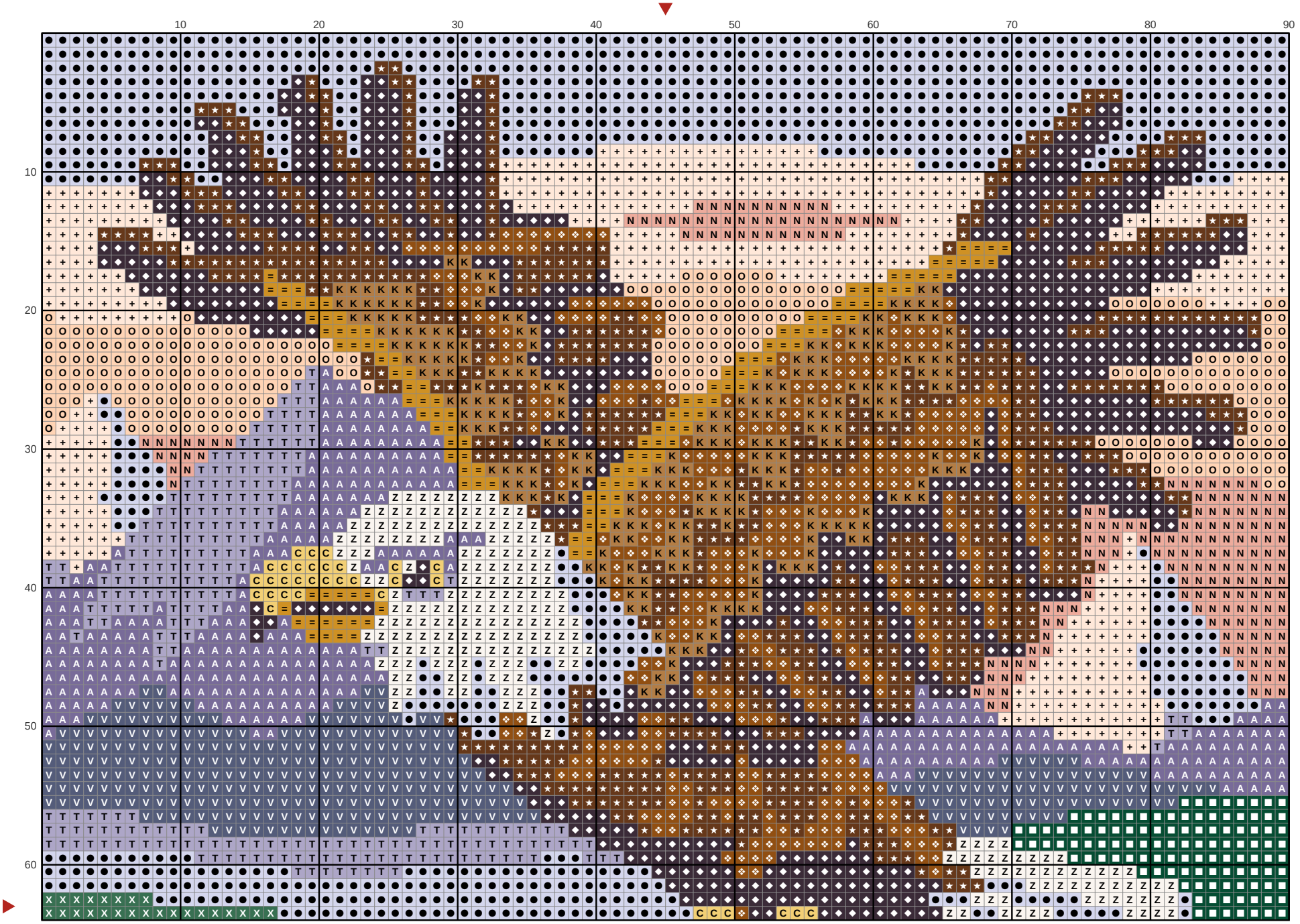

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 65 to 126; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

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