Barn owl and owlet in a barn window

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
●	3371	Black Brown	1,411	10	2
■	3830	Terra Cotta	1,279	9	2
▲	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	1,062	8	1
◆	712	Cream	967	7	1
▼	801	Dark Coffee Brown	938	7	1
★	3777	Very Dark Terra Cotta	769	6	1
❖	355	Dark Terra Cotta	693	5	1
X	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	686	5	1
O	3864	Light Mocha Beige	572	4	1
+	642	Dark Beige Gray	441	4	1
=	434	Light Brown	438	3	1
Z	436	Tan	432	3	1
A	522	Fern Green	339	3	1
V	3822	Light Straw	316	3	1
T	3820	Dark Straw	256	2	1
N	437	Light Tan	223	2	1
S	520	Dark Fern Green	210	2	1
K	402	Very Light Mahogany	173	2	1
E	3778	Light Terra Cotta	79	1	1
C	524	Very Light Fern Green	56	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 22 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 87 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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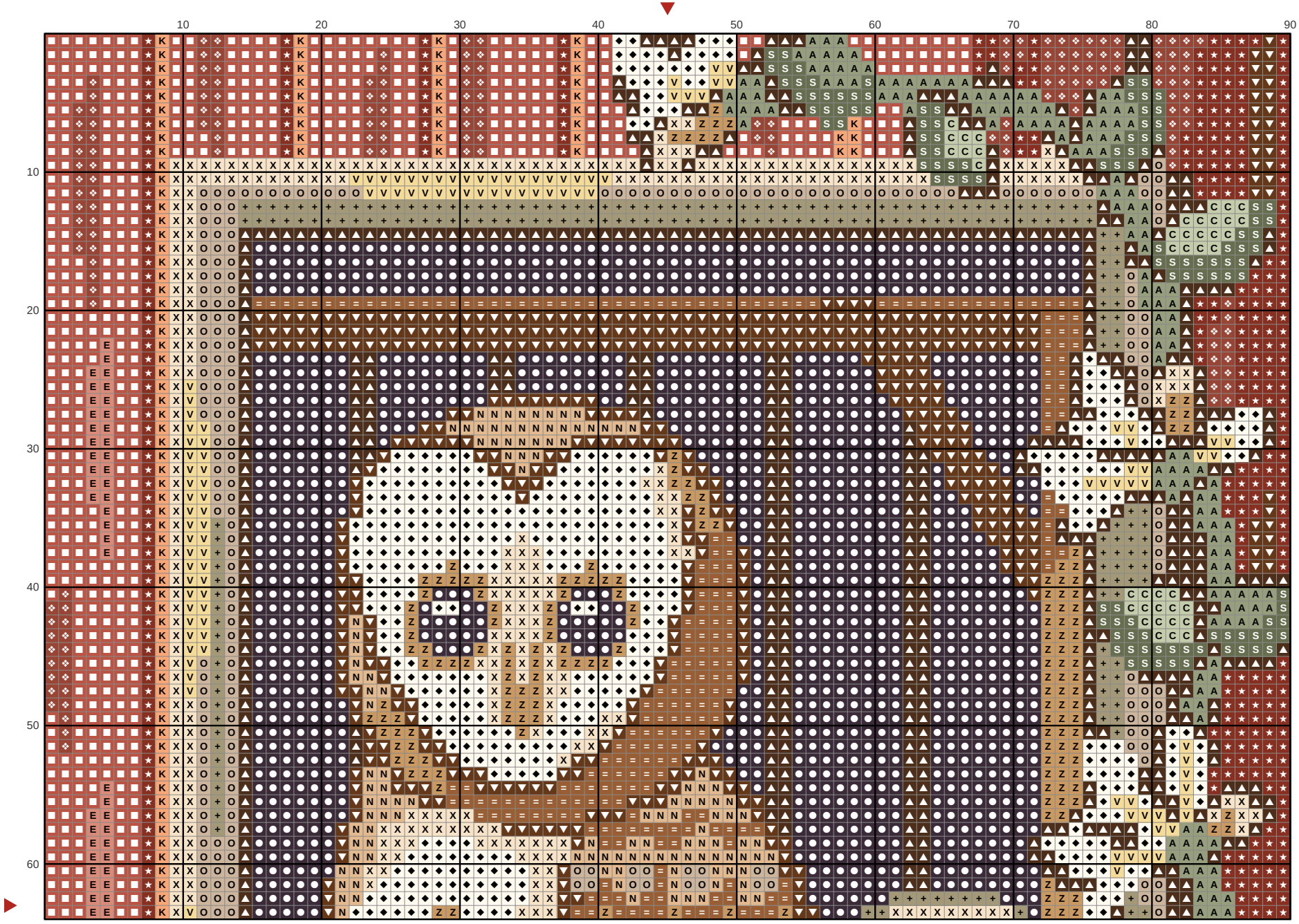

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 65 to 126; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

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