Starlit nativity Christmas stocking

Needlepoint pattern | 143 x 234 stitches | 11 x 18 in (27.9 x 45.7 cm) on 13 mesh | 24 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	336	Navy Blue	4,450	43	7
■	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	2,514	24	4
▲	29	Eggplant	2,180	21	4
◆	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	1,542	15	3
▼	3371	Black Brown	1,426	14	3
★	3835	Medium Grape	1,276	13	2
❖	792	Dark Cornflower Blue	1,135	11	2
X	434	Light Brown	1,107	11	2
O	436	Tan	967	10	2
+	154	Very Dark Grape	903	9	2
=	3820	Dark Straw	813	8	2
Z	782	Dark Topaz	611	6	1
A	918	Dark Red Copper	597	6	1
V	921	Copper	563	6	1
T	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	489	5	1
N	842	Very Light Beige Brown	466	5	1
S	3790	Ultra Dark Beige Gray	430	5	1
K	3822	Light Straw	324	4	1
E	322	Dark Baby Blue	262	3	1
C	3041	Medium Antique Violet	219	3	1
P	841	Light Beige Brown	218	3	1
U	437	Light Tan	187	2	1
L	746	Off White	171	2	1
2	3752	Very Light Antique Blue	70	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 15 x 22 in (38.1 x 55.9 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

22,920 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 143 x 234 at its widest and tallest. 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 4 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 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 46 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 28 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 38 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 32 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 230 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 stocking: also have backing and lining fabric, cord or piping, and a loop. Finishers ask for stockings months before Christmas, and most want two extra rows all round. Ask yours before the edge, and stitch a name first. "How to finish a stocking" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

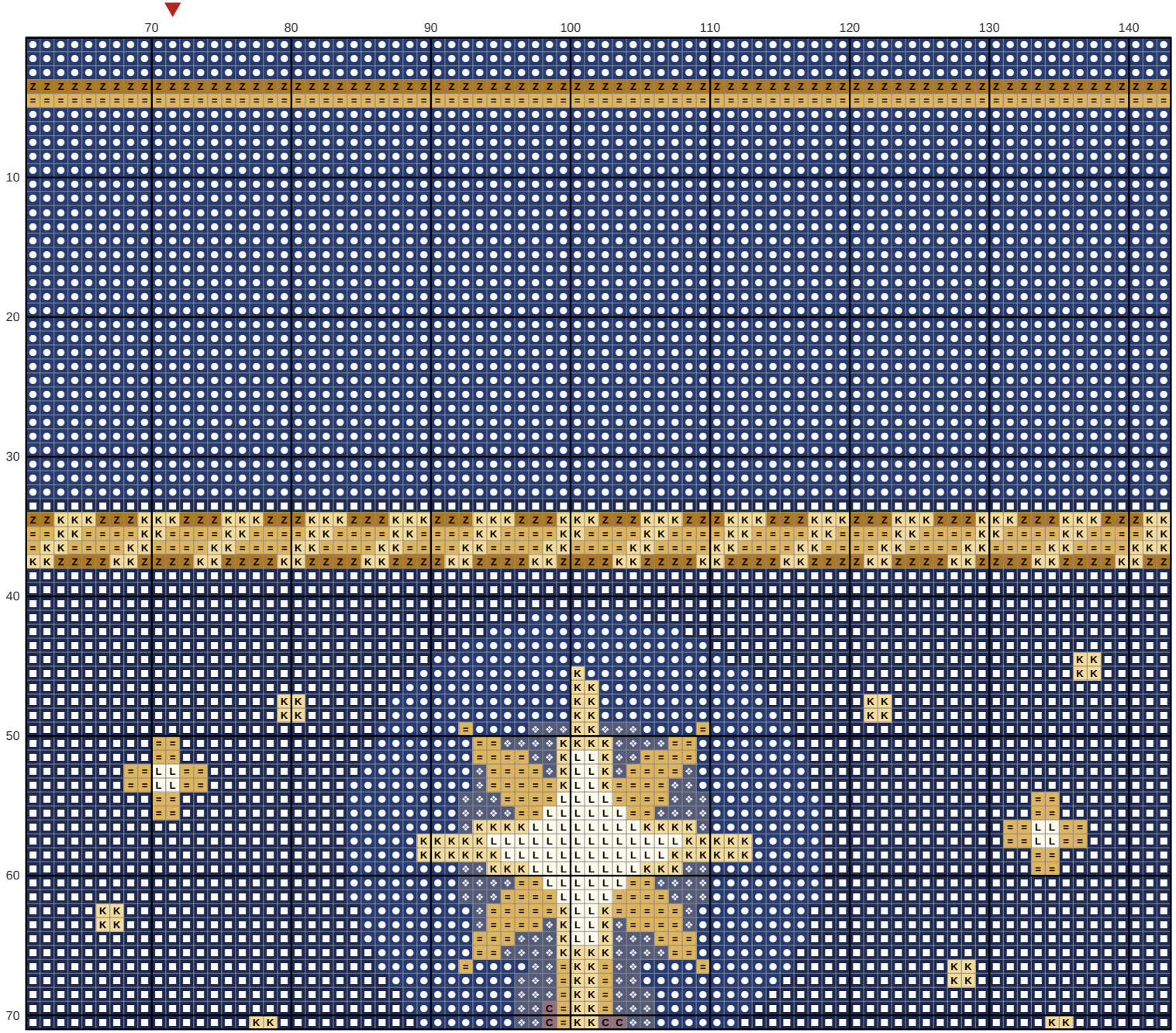
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Chart 1 of 4: columns 62 to 143, rows 1 to 71

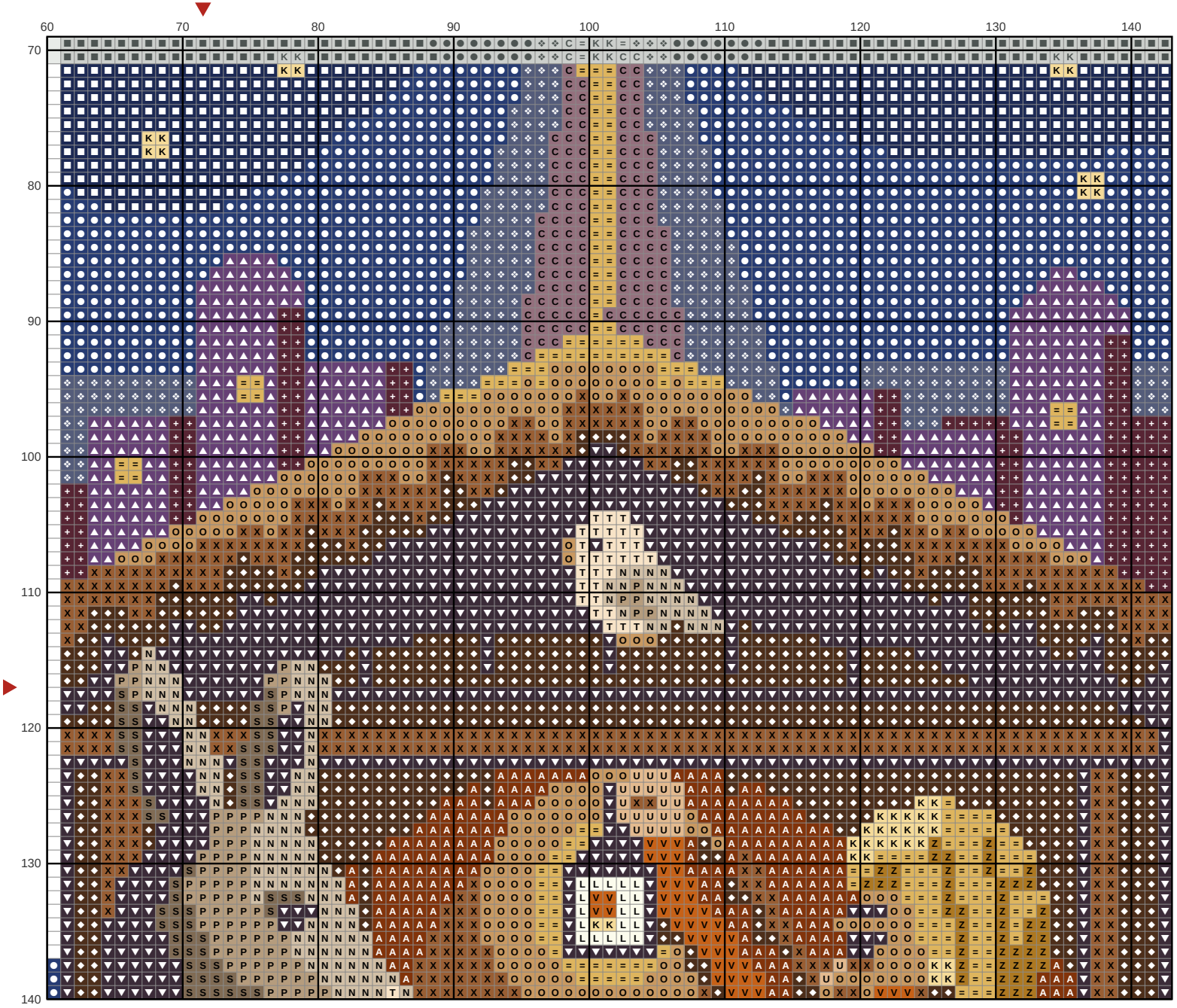


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Chart 2 of 4: columns 61 to 143, rows 72 to 140; gray squares repeat rows 70 and 71

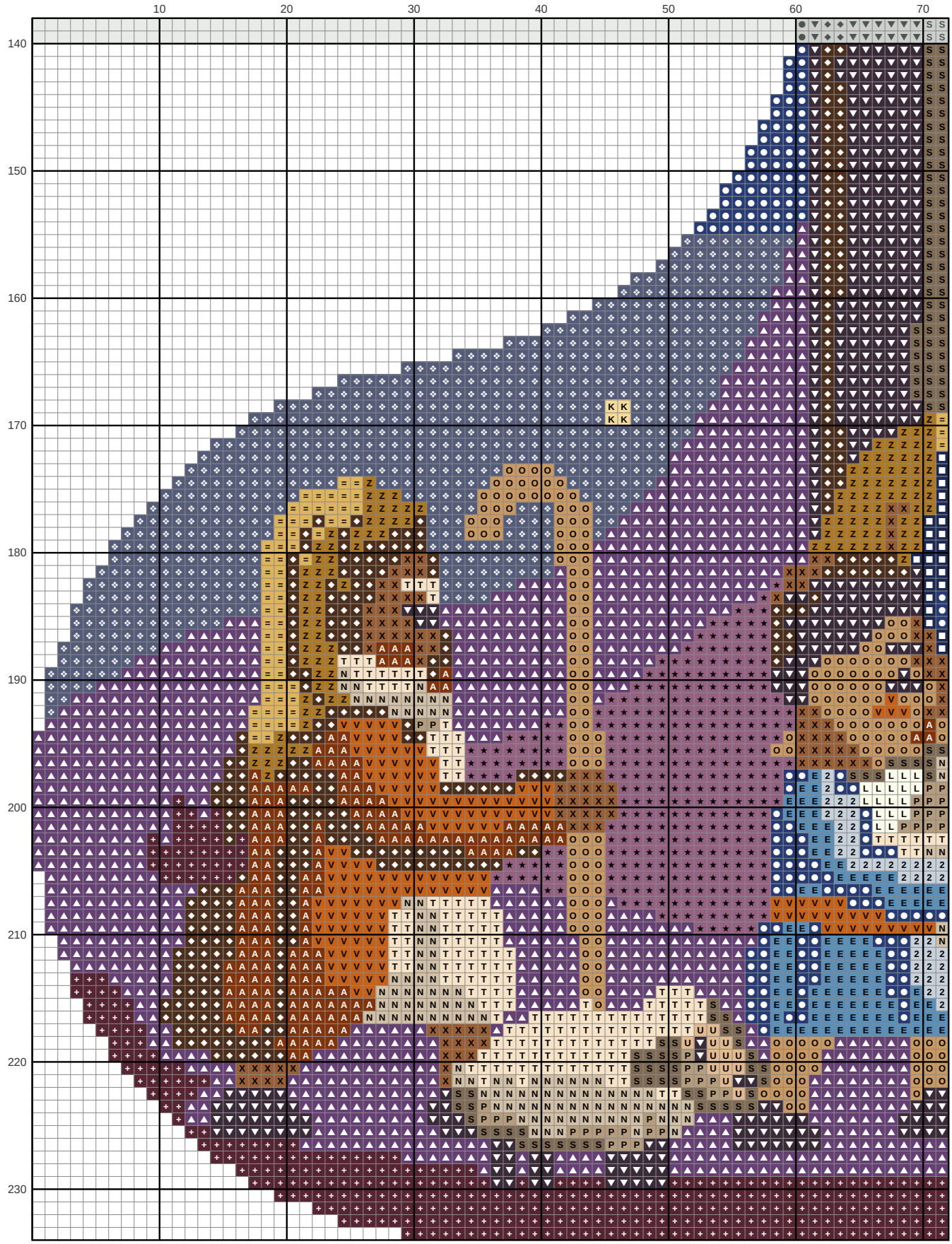


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Chart 3 of 4: columns 1 to 72, rows 141 to 234; gray squares repeat rows 139 and 140

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Chart 4 of 4: columns 73 to 143, rows 141 to 234; gray squares repeat columns 71 and 72 and rows 139 and 140

