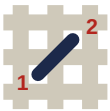
Black sheep in a flock

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 90 stitches | 5 x 5 in (12.7 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 8 colors



How to read the chart



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2: basketweave for the background, continental for lines.
2. Bind the edges. Cut 18 in of thread; start and end it without a knot left behind.
3. Mark the middle of the canvas. It is the outlined square on page 2 (DMC 310): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Picture first, then border, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. A heavier line stands every ten squares: count by them.
6. When it is done, block it square.

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You will need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 9 x 9 in (22.9 x 22.9 cm).

Needle: tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 strands in the needle (5 or 6 if canvas shows), about 10 skeins in all (an estimate).

Fit it into a lid: the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first. Stitch two extra rows all round in DMC 712, the color at its edge: the edge of the opening covers them. With those rows it takes 3 skeins of DMC 712, not 2. How to fit it into a lid.

Thread list

			stitches	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 712**	Cream	2,398	2
■	**DMC 3820**	Dark Straw	1,570	2
▲	**DMC 319**	Very Dark Pistachio Green	1,108	1
◆	**DMC 320**	Medium Pistachio Green	993	1
▼	**DMC 498**	Dark Red	969	1
★	**DMC 310**	Black	671	1
❖	**DMC 3033**	Very Light Mocha Brown	366	1
X	**DMC 414**	Dark Steel Gray	25	1

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.

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 45, rows 1 to 90. Start at the red outline

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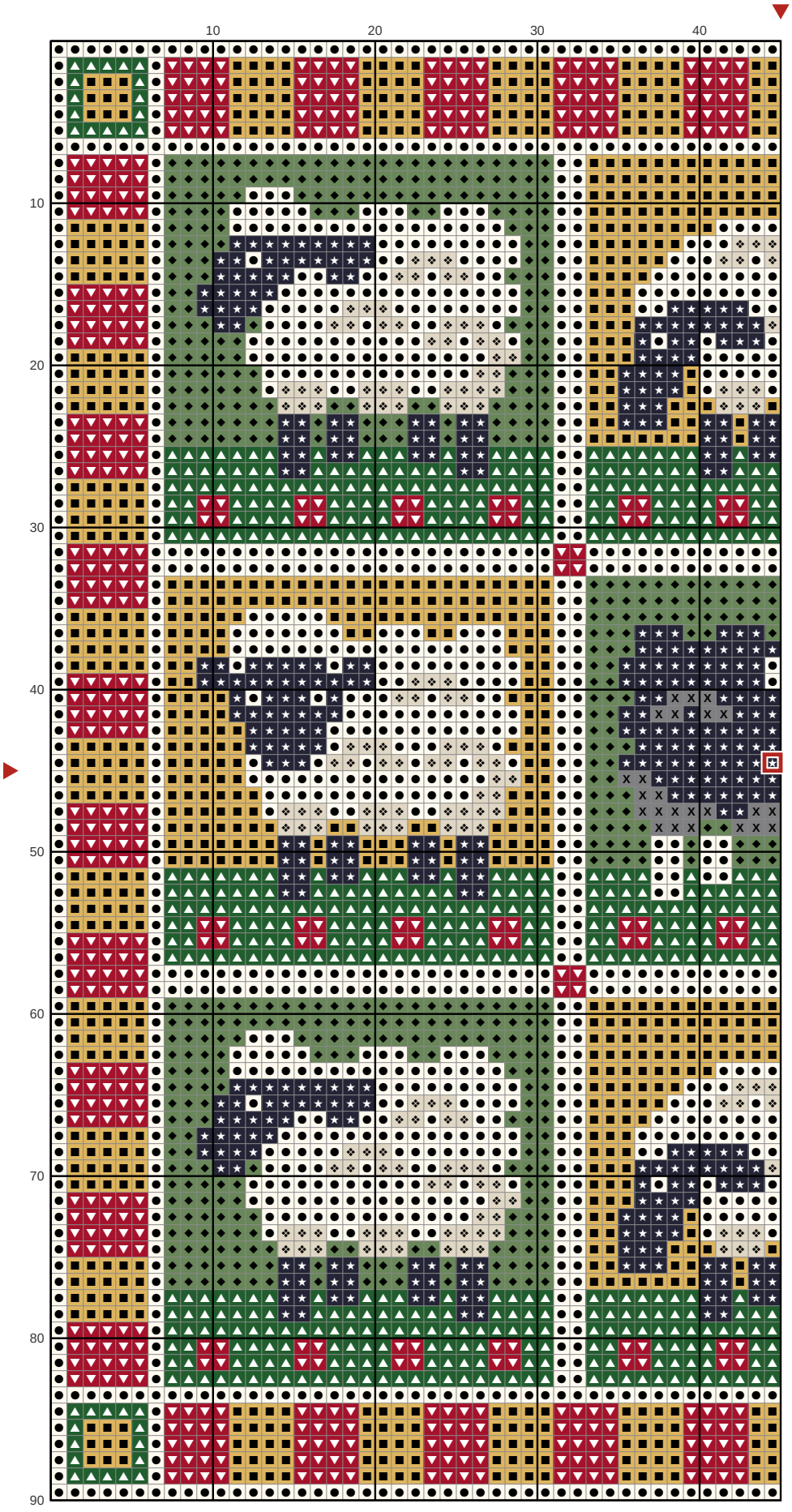

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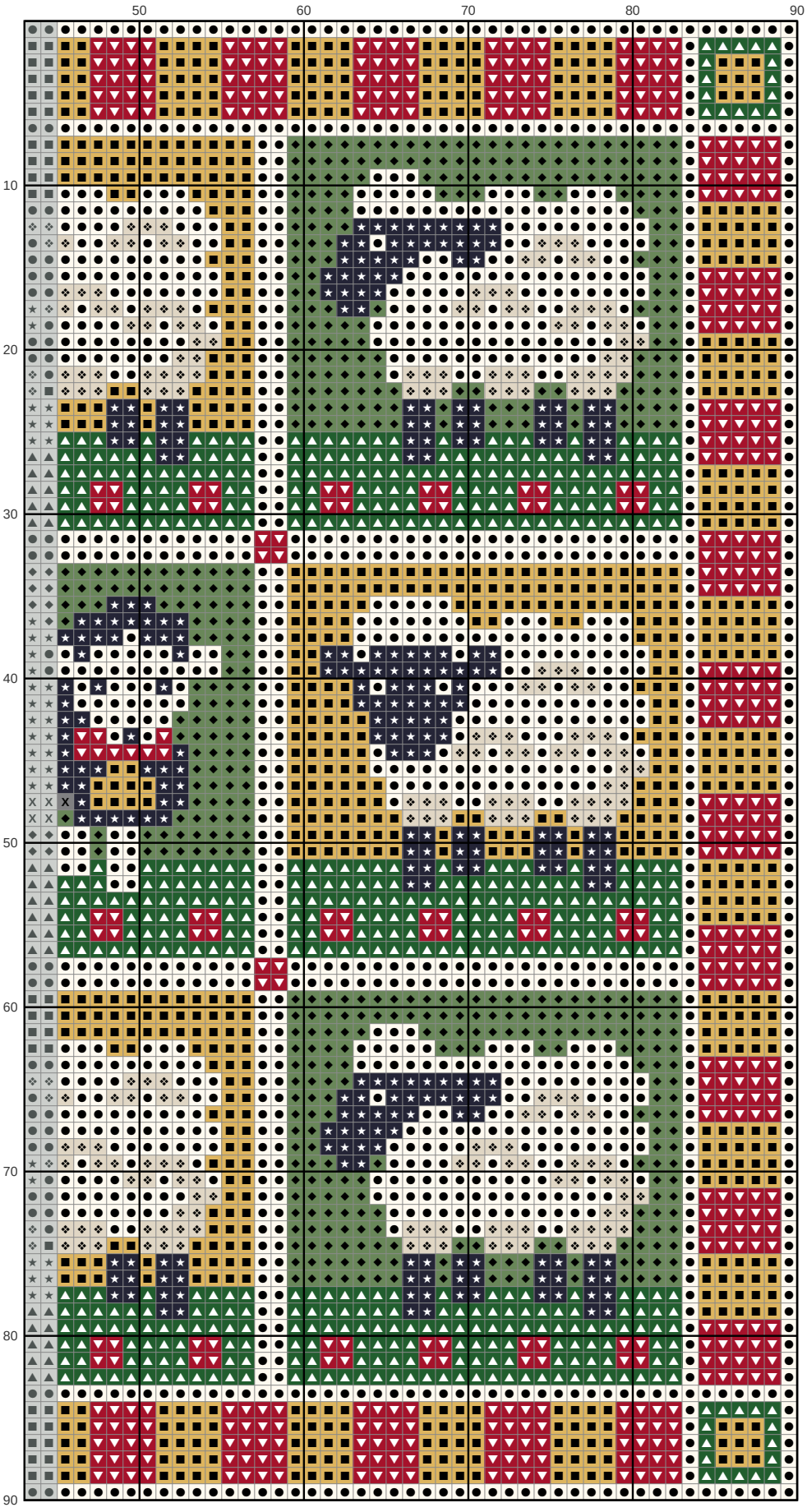
Chart 2 of 2: columns 46 to 90, rows 1 to 90. Gray squares repeat columns 44 and 45: do not stitch them twice



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