Nutcracker Christmas tree skirt panel

Needlepoint pattern | 182 x 163 stitches | 14 x 12.5 in (35.6 x 31.8 cm) on 13 mesh | 21 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**3761**	Light Sky Blue	5,033	48	8
■	**321**	Red	3,030	29	5
▲	**BLANC**	White	2,331	23	4
◆	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	991	10	2
▼	**3820**	Dark Straw	873	9	2
★	**519**	Sky Blue	836	8	2
❖	**603**	Cranberry	826	8	2
X	**601**	Dark Cranberry	542	6	1
O	**815**	Medium Garnet	526	5	1
+	**932**	Light Antique Blue	416	4	1
=	**945**	Tawny	375	4	1
Z	**782**	Dark Topaz	239	3	1
A	**3801**	Very Dark Melon	223	3	1
V	**605**	Very Light Cranberry	138	2	1
T	**310**	Black	96	1	1
N	**3778**	Light Terra Cotta	90	1	1
S	**312**	Very Dark Baby Blue	79	1	1
K	**745**	Light Pale Yellow	73	1	1
E	**356**	Medium Terra Cotta	69	1	1
C	**3753**	Ultra Very Light Antique Blue	56	1	1
P	**334**	Medium Baby Blue	50	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 18 x 16.5 in (45.7 x 42 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

16,892 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 182 x 163 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. Page 2 is turned on its 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 39 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 25 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 32 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 27 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 169 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.

When it is stitched: also have a finisher, or the fabric and cord to make it up yourself. Ask before you stitch the edge: some finishes take extra rows. "Ways to finish needlepoint" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

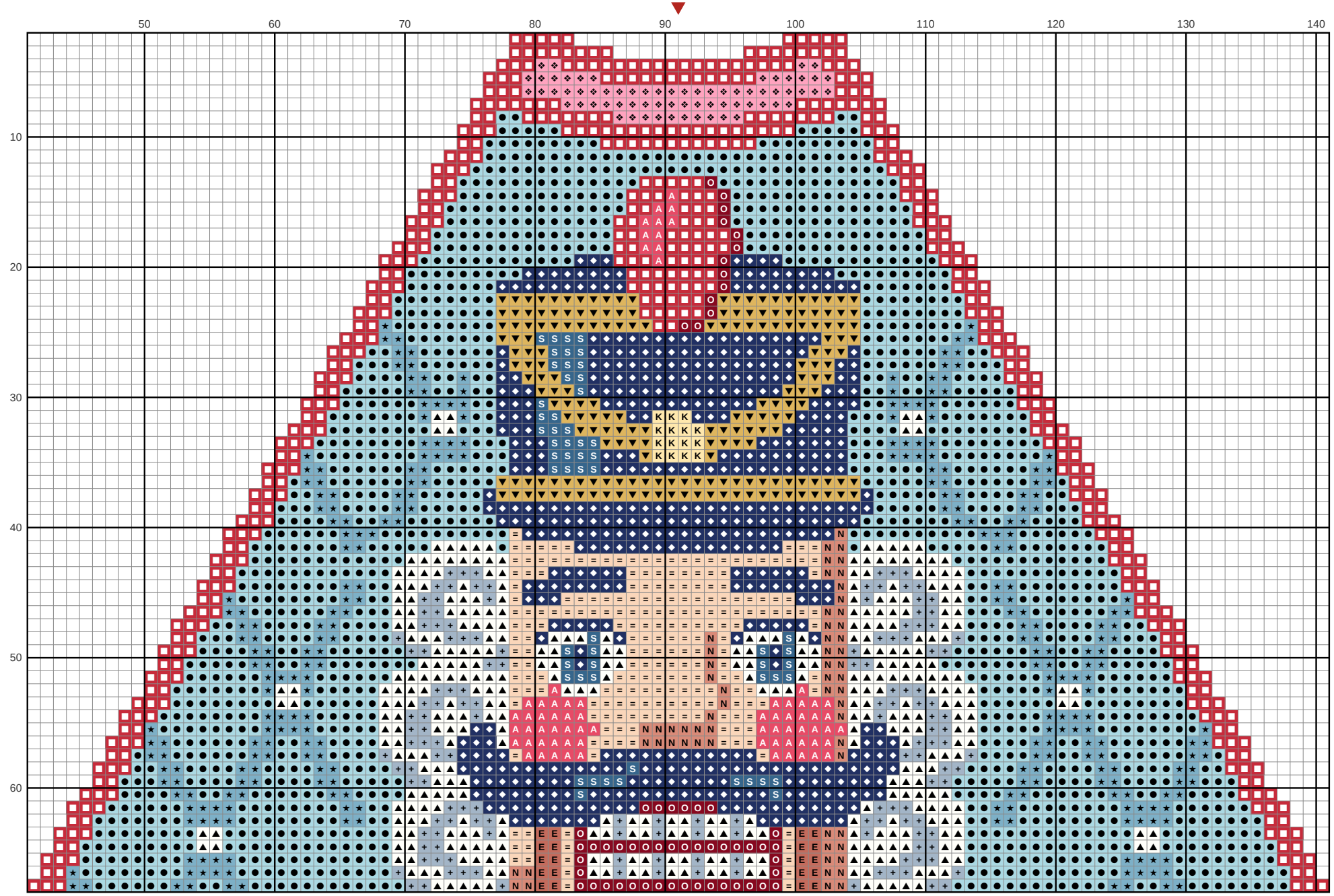
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Chart 1 of 4: columns 42 to 141, rows 3 to 68

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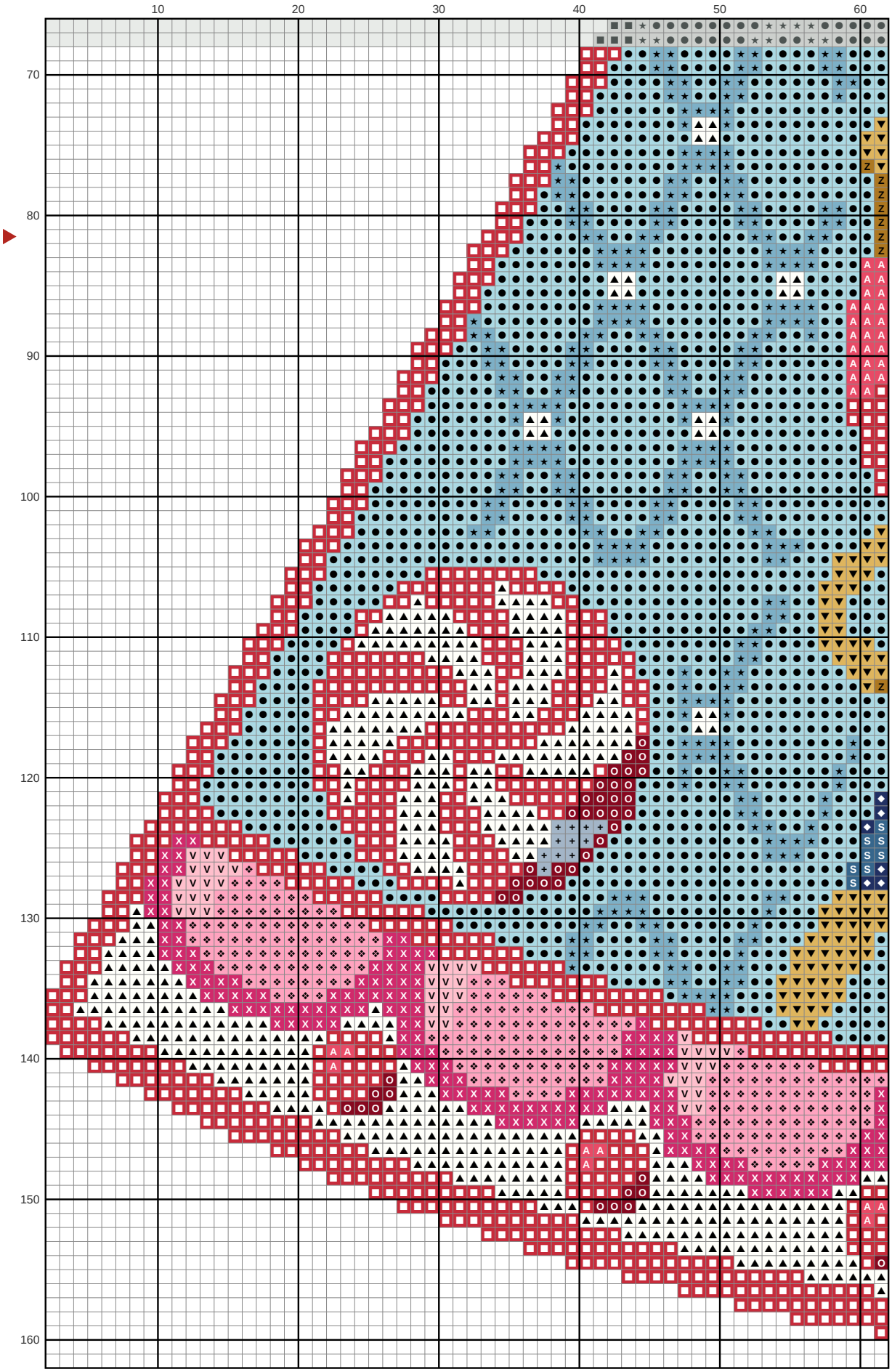


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Chart 2 of 4: columns 3 to 62, rows 69 to 162; gray squares repeat rows 67 and 68

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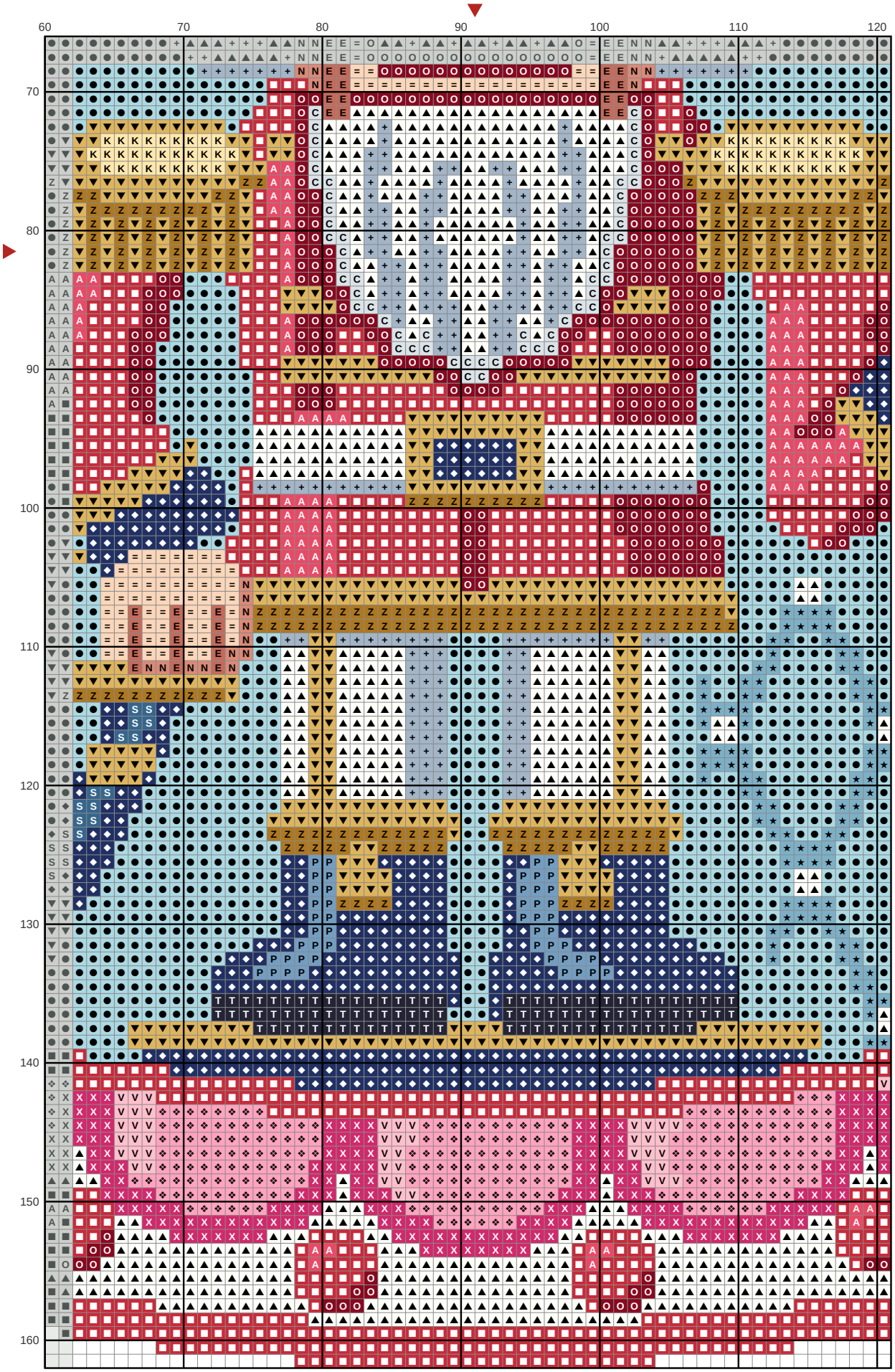


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Chart 3 of 4: columns 63 to 121, rows 69 to 162; gray squares repeat columns 61 and 62 and rows 67 and 68



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Chart 4 of 4: columns 122 to 180, rows 69 to 162; gray squares repeat columns 120 and 121 and rows 67 and 68

