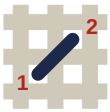
Preppy pigeon carrying a letter

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 90 stitches | 5 x 5 in (12.7 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 15 colors



How to stitch it



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2. Lines in continental, right to left, the canvas upside down for the next row; wide areas in basketweave.
2. 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, column 45, row 45 (DMC 959): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: the opening's edge hides them.

First time? How to needlepoint: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-start/
How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 9.5 in square (24.1 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 15 colors, about 18 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Fit it into a lid: the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first.
How to fit it into a lid.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	**445**	Light Lemon	2,219	2
■	**BLANC**	White	1,718	2
▲	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,423	2
◆	**349**	Dark Coral	579	1
▼	**794**	Light Cornflower Blue	533	1
★	**793**	Medium Cornflower Blue	496	1
❖	**3841**	Pale Baby Blue	403	1
X	**341**	Light Blue Violet	304	1
H	**959**	Medium Seagreen	87	1
+	**209**	Dark Lavender	77	1
=	**3847**	Dark Teal Green	75	1
Z	**552**	Medium Violet	69	1
A	**158**	Medium Very Dark Cornflower Blue	67	1
V	**351**	Coral	38	1
T	**971**	Pumpkin	12	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: 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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Columns 1 to 49, rows 1 to 90. Start at the red outline

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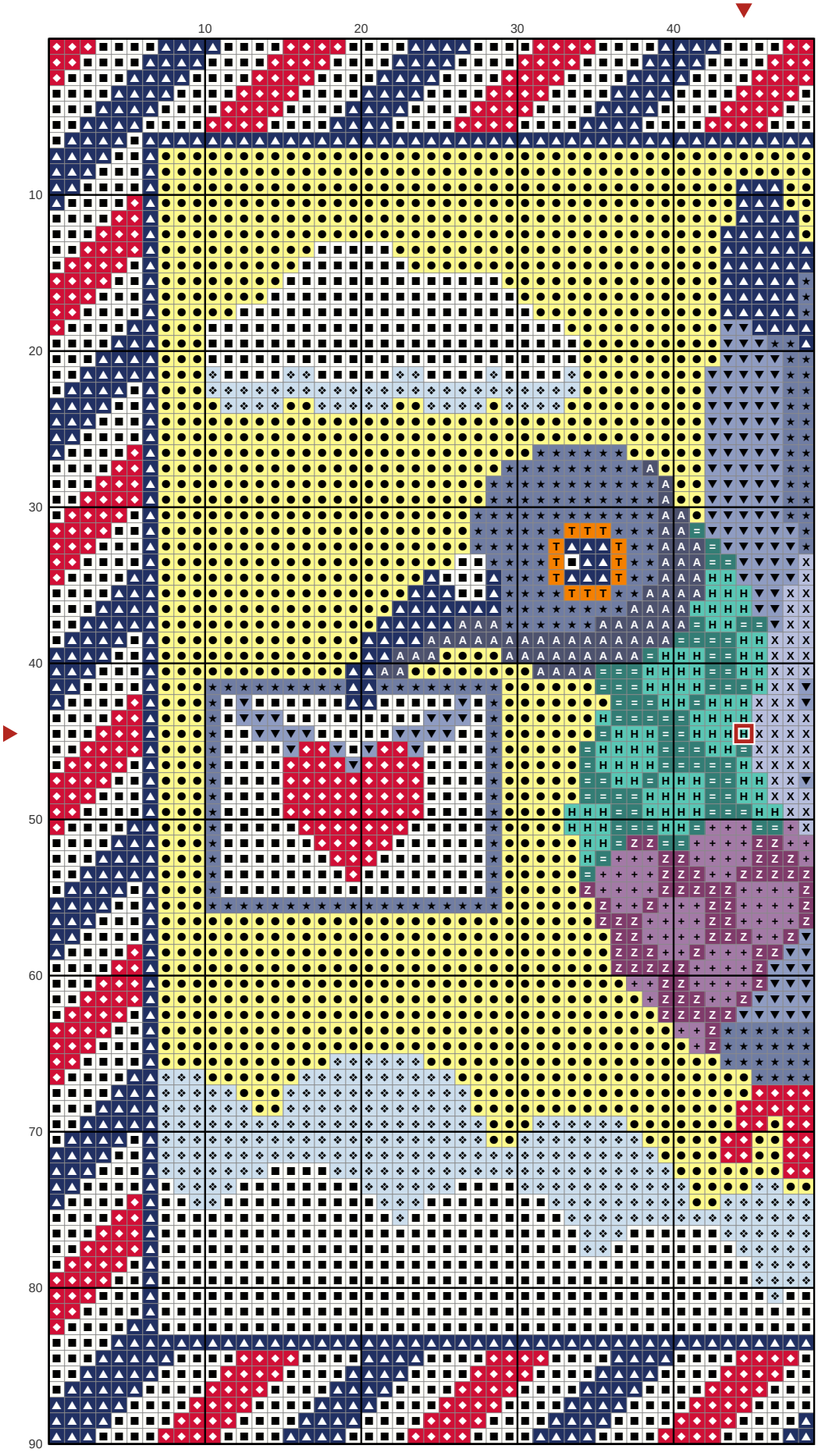

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- ▼ **DMC 794** Light Cornflower Blue
- ★ **DMC 793** Medium Cornflower Blue
- ❖ **DMC 3841** Pale Baby Blue
- X **DMC 341** Light Blue Violet
- H **DMC 959** Medium Seagreen
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Needlepoint pattern

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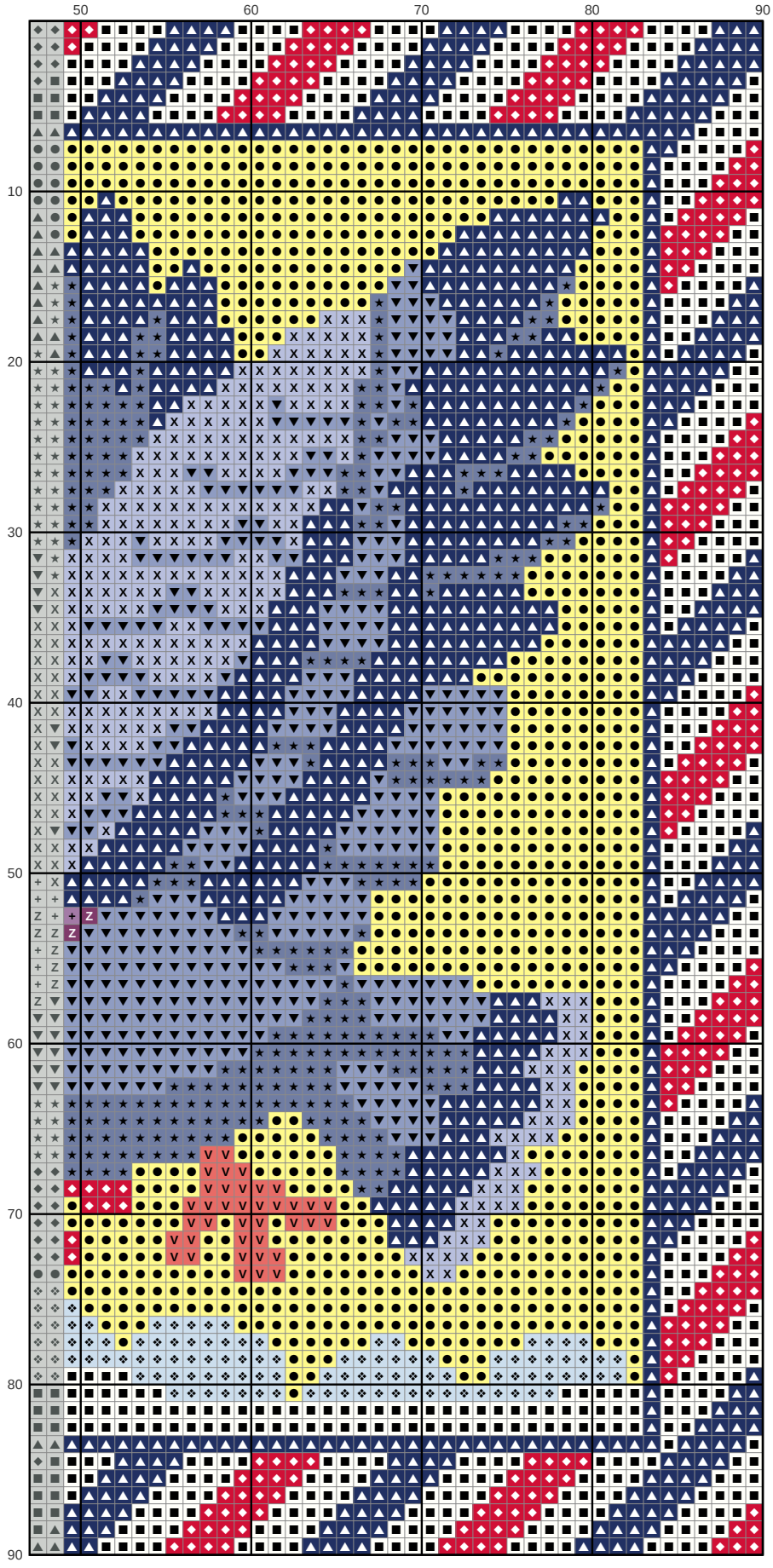

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