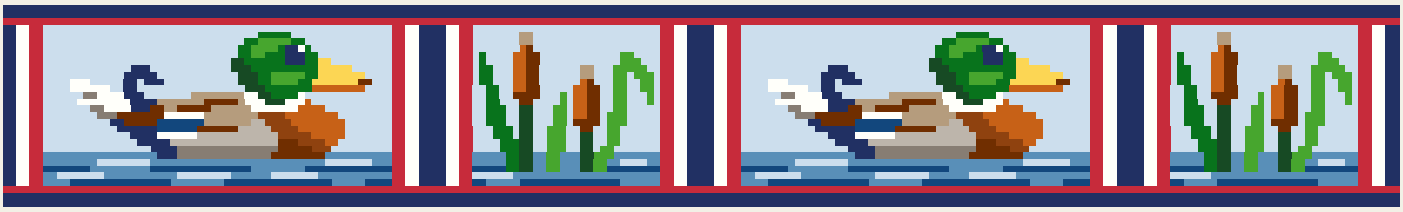
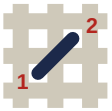
Suspenders with mallards and stripes

Needlepoint pattern | 208 x 30 stitches | 11.6 x 1.7 in (29.4 x 4.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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, column 104, row 15 (DMC 823), at any length: start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. One repeat is 5.8 in: carry on both ways to your length. Gray squares are charted twice: stitch them once.

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 6 in high and 4 in longer than you will stitch.

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 16 colors, about 18 skeins for what is charted (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it a strap: a finisher who mounts it on leather, or webbing to sew it on. Measure first, and ask for the length before you stitch the ends.
How to make a strap.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	3841	Pale Baby Blue	1,876	2
■	823	Dark Navy Blue	1,330	2
▲	321	Red	800	1
◆	BLANC	White	492	1
▼	322	Dark Baby Blue	394	1
★	797	Royal Blue	226	1
❖	700	Bright Green	196	1
X	702	Kelly Green	196	1
H	300	Very Dark Mahogany	168	1
+	921	Copper	134	1
=	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	102	1
Z	841	Light Beige Brown	94	1
A	646	Dark Beaver Gray	72	1
V	648	Light Beaver Gray	70	1
T	400	Dark Mahogany	48	1
N	726	Light Topaz	42	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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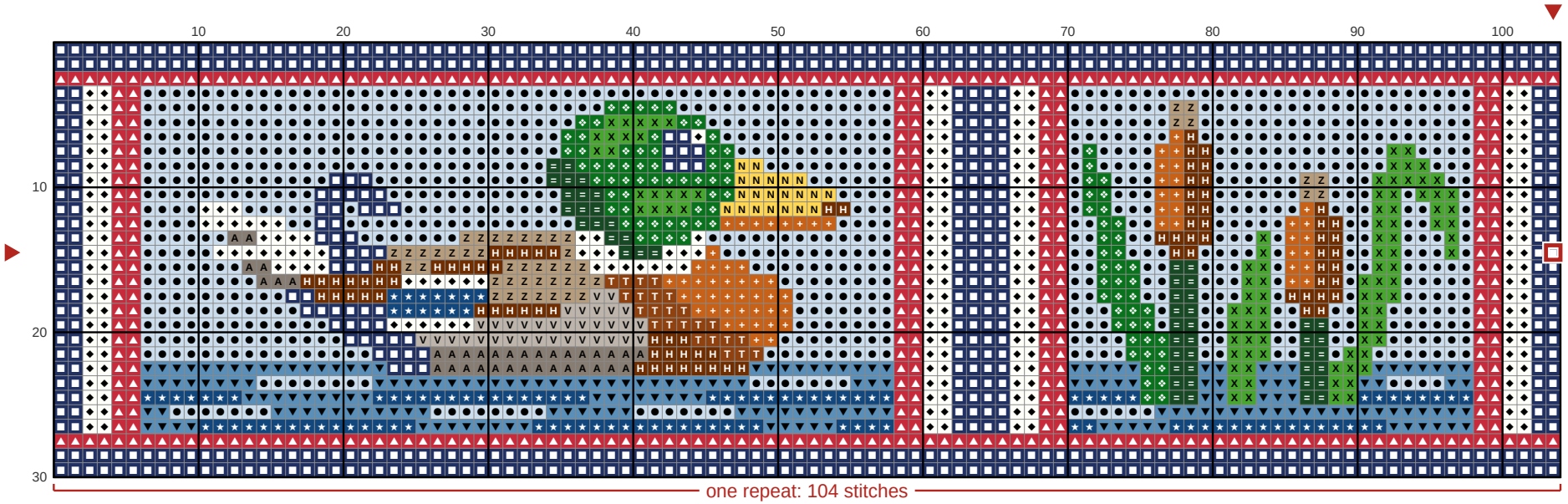
Columns 1 to 104, rows 1 to 30. Start at the red outline



Columns 105 to 208, rows 1 to 30. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

