Retro Great Wall of China

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 126 stitches | 5 x 7 in (12.7 x 17.8 cm) on 18 mesh | 19 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	1,641	12	2
■	437	Light Tan	1,526	11	2
▲	712	Cream	1,247	9	1
◆	433	Medium Brown	898	7	1
▼	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	766	6	1
★	3820	Dark Straw	726	5	1
❖	436	Tan	621	5	1
X	435	Very Light Brown	512	4	1
O	921	Copper	434	3	1
+	733	Medium Olive Green	384	3	1
=	970	Light Pumpkin	374	3	1
Z	936	Very Dark Avocado Green	357	3	1
A	780	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	348	3	1
V	732	Olive Green	335	3	1
T	741	Medium Tangerine	293	3	1
N	783	Medium Topaz	290	2	1
S	922	Light Copper	217	2	1
K	938	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	194	2	1
E	918	Dark Red Copper	177	2	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 9 x 11 in (22.9 x 27.9 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

11,340 stitches in all. 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 2 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. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 21 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 19 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 19 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 22.

Yards and 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 (about 88 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.

Frame it: also have acid-free board and a frame. "How to frame needlepoint" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 1 to 64

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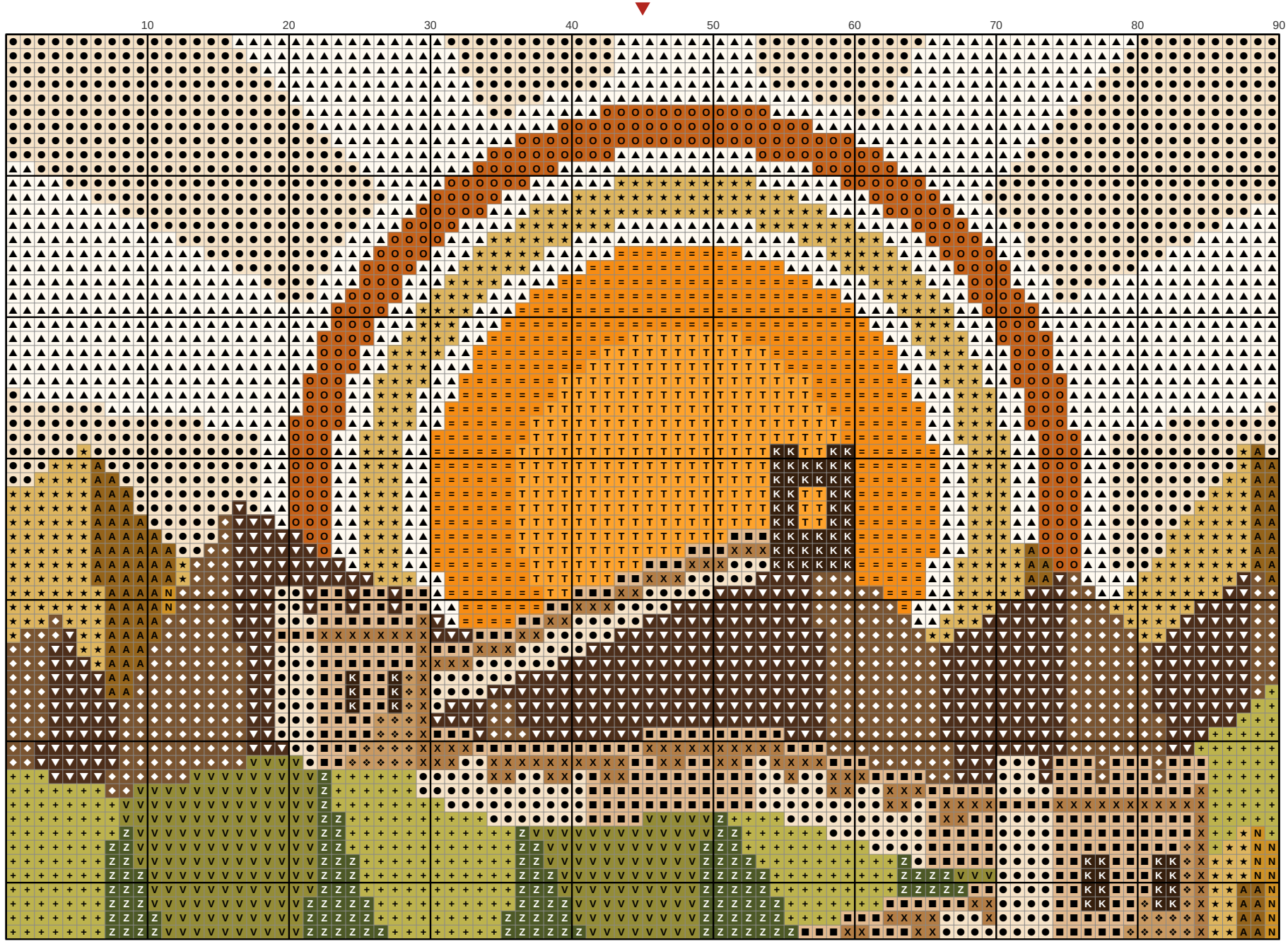

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 65 to 126; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

