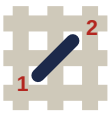
Retro matryoshka nesting doll

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 126 stitches | 5 x 7 in (12.7 x 17.8 cm) on 18 mesh | 13 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 63 (DMC 783): 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 wide x 11.5 in high (24.1 x 29.2 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 13 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
●	**3808**	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	1,810	2
■	**783**	Medium Topaz	1,808	2
▲	**920**	Medium Copper	1,726	2
◆	**712**	Cream	1,480	2
▼	**741**	Medium Tangerine	1,314	2
★	**3809**	Very Dark Turquoise	1,186	1
❖	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	1,066	1
X	**945**	Tawny	418	1
H	**780**	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	246	1
+	**918**	Dark Red Copper	202	1
=	**3340**	Medium Apricot	42	1
Z	**3810**	Dark Turquoise	22	1
A	**900**	Dark Burnt Orange	20	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 90, rows 1 to 67. Start at the red outline

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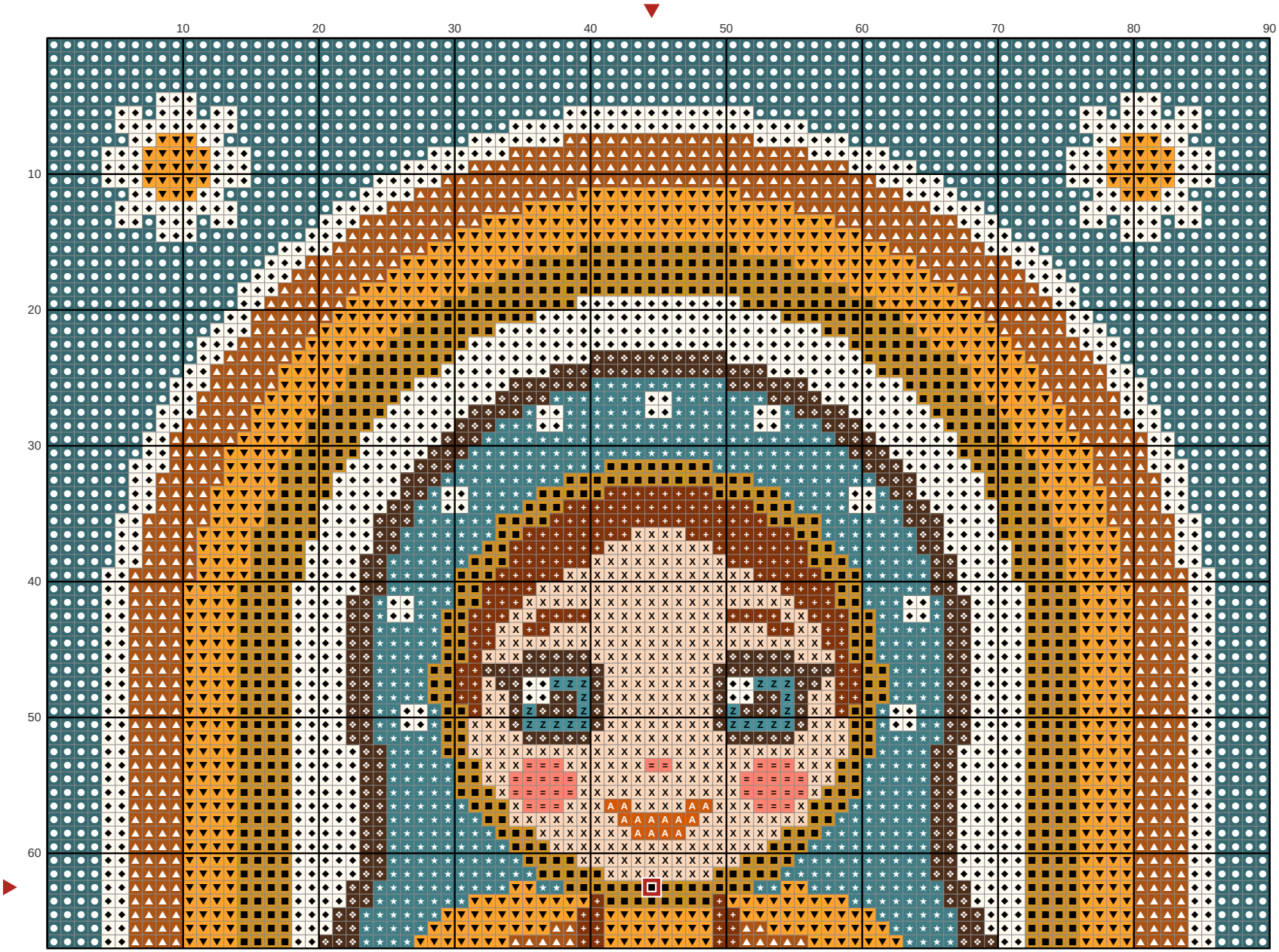

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- DMC 783 — Medium Topaz
- DMC 920 — Medium Copper
- DMC 712 — Cream
- DMC 741 — Medium Tangerine
- DMC 3809 — Very Dark Turquoise
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Columns 1 to 90, rows 68 to 126. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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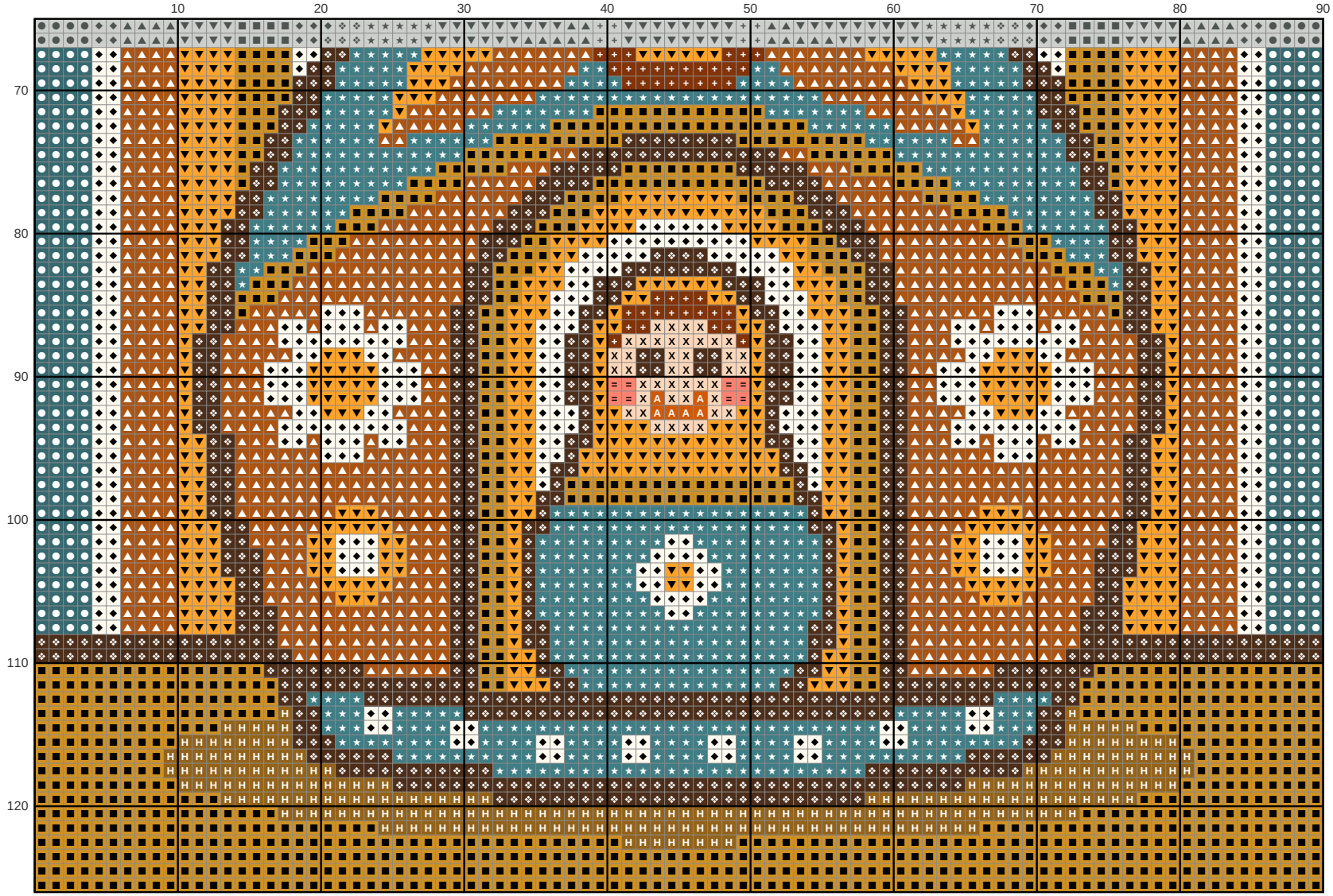

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