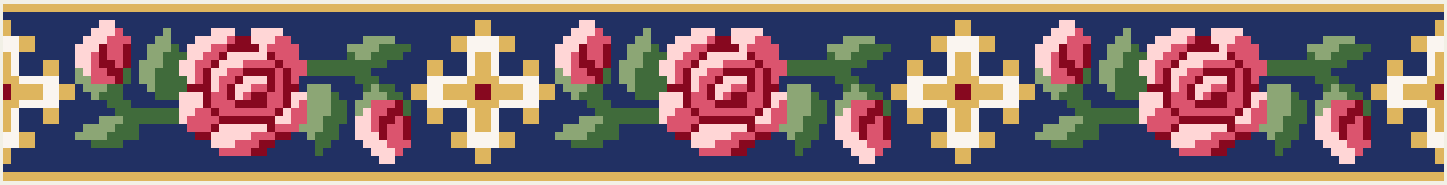
Budded cross belt

Needlepoint pattern | 180 x 22 stitches | 10 x 1.2 in (25.4 x 3.1 cm) on 18 mesh | 8 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	size 36 belt: yards	skeins
●	**DMC 823**	Dark Navy Blue	1,749	12	39	5
■	**DMC 3820**	Dark Straw	612	5	14	2
▲	**DMC 3832**	Medium Raspberry	342	3	8	1
◆	**DMC 3346**	Hunter Green	327	3	8	1
▼	**DMC 963**	Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	312	3	7	1
★	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	243	2	6	1
❖	**DMC 989**	Forest Green	207	2	5	1
X	**DMC 3865**	Winter White	168	2	4	1

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

The chart shows 3 repeats; one repeat is 60 x 22 stitches. The pattern can be carried on to any length.

A belt is stitched 4 to 6 in less than belt size, because leather at each end carries the buckle and the holes. The belt calculator at flossfield.com gives the length to stitch for yours.

Cut the canvas for the whole length you will stitch, on 18 mesh, and 2 in (5.1 cm) more at each end and along each side.

3,960 stitches in the 10 in of belt in the chart. The bracket under the chart marks one repeat and the red arrow above it its middle. Where the belt calculator gives an odd number of repeats, put the middle of a repeat on the middle of the belt; where it gives an even number, the line where two repeats meet. Work out from there to both ends.

The chart is printed in 2 parts of equal size, one under the other, on one page, turned on its side. Where the parts join, gray squares repeat two columns.

Thread for a belt of size 36: six-strand floss, 4 to 6 strands in the needle on 18 mesh (counted at 6), about 13 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 9 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 9 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 91 yards in all for the belt, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it a belt: also have a finisher who mounts it on leather, or a buckle and leather tabs. The chart is the belt's face. Most finishers want two extra rows along the top and the bottom, which they fold under: ask for the count and the length before you stitch the ends. "How to make a belt" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 1 to 22

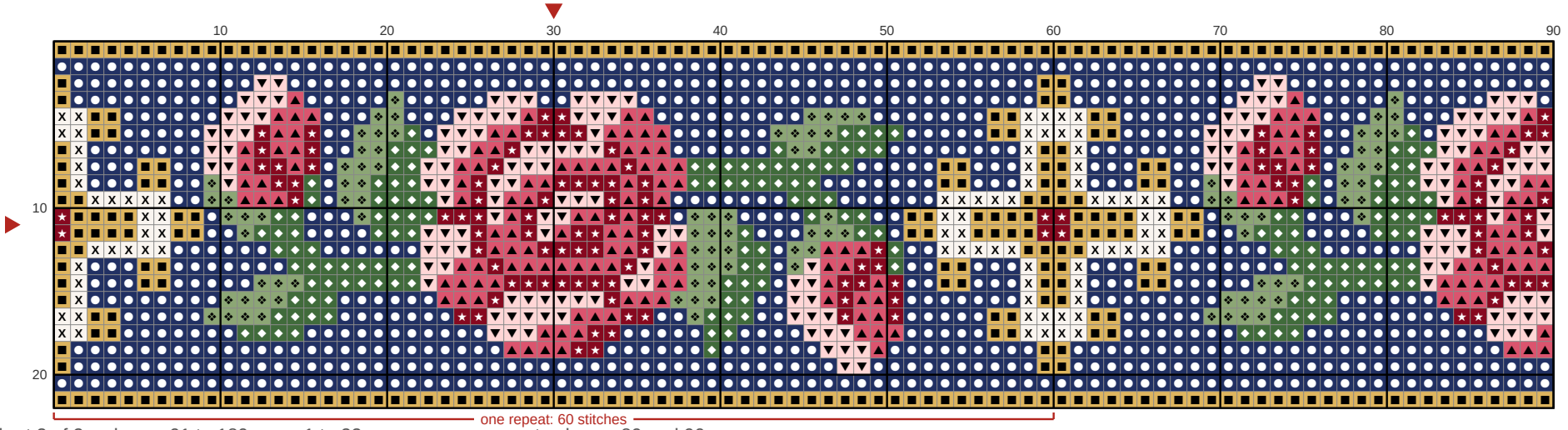

Chart 2 of 2: columns 91 to 180, rows 1 to 22; gray squares repeat columns 89 and 90

