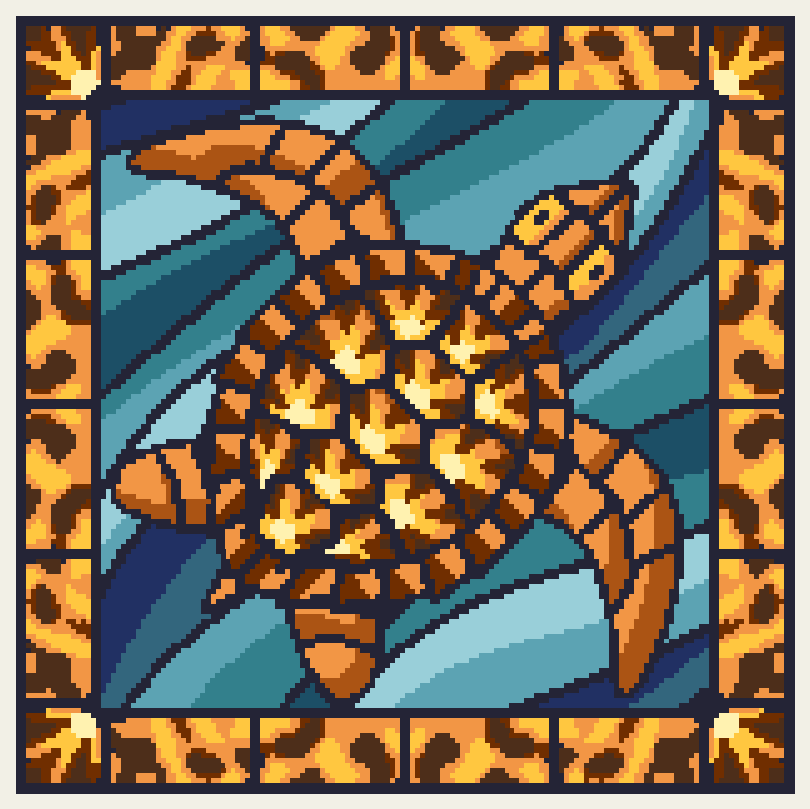
Tortoiseshell tote with a sea turtle

Needlepoint pattern | 156 x 156 stitches | 12 x 12 in (30.5 x 30.5 cm) on 13 mesh | 13 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**310**	Black	6,762	65	10
■	**3853**	Dark Autumn Gold	4,167	40	7
▲	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	2,123	21	4
◆	**725**	Medium Light Topaz	2,022	20	3
▼	**597**	Turquoise	1,882	18	3
★	**300**	Very Dark Mahogany	1,735	17	3
❖	**3765**	Very Dark Peacock Blue	1,624	16	3
X	**3766**	Light Peacock Blue	1,070	11	2
O	**920**	Medium Copper	724	7	2
+	**823**	Dark Navy Blue	713	7	2
=	**311**	Medium Navy Blue	632	6	1
Z	**3842**	Very Dark Wedgwood	558	6	1
A	**727**	Very Light Topaz	324	4	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 16 x 16 in (40.6 x 40.6 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

24,336 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 5 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 or columns. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 7 or 8 strands in the needle on 13 mesh (counted at 8), about 42 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 22 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 33 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 26 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 20.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 238 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.

Make it a pillow: also have backing fabric, an insert the size of the stitching or an inch larger, and cord or piping for the edge. The seam takes the last two rows: stitch two extra rows all round, or keep the edge plain. "How to finish a pillow" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 5: columns 1 to 78, rows 1 to 64

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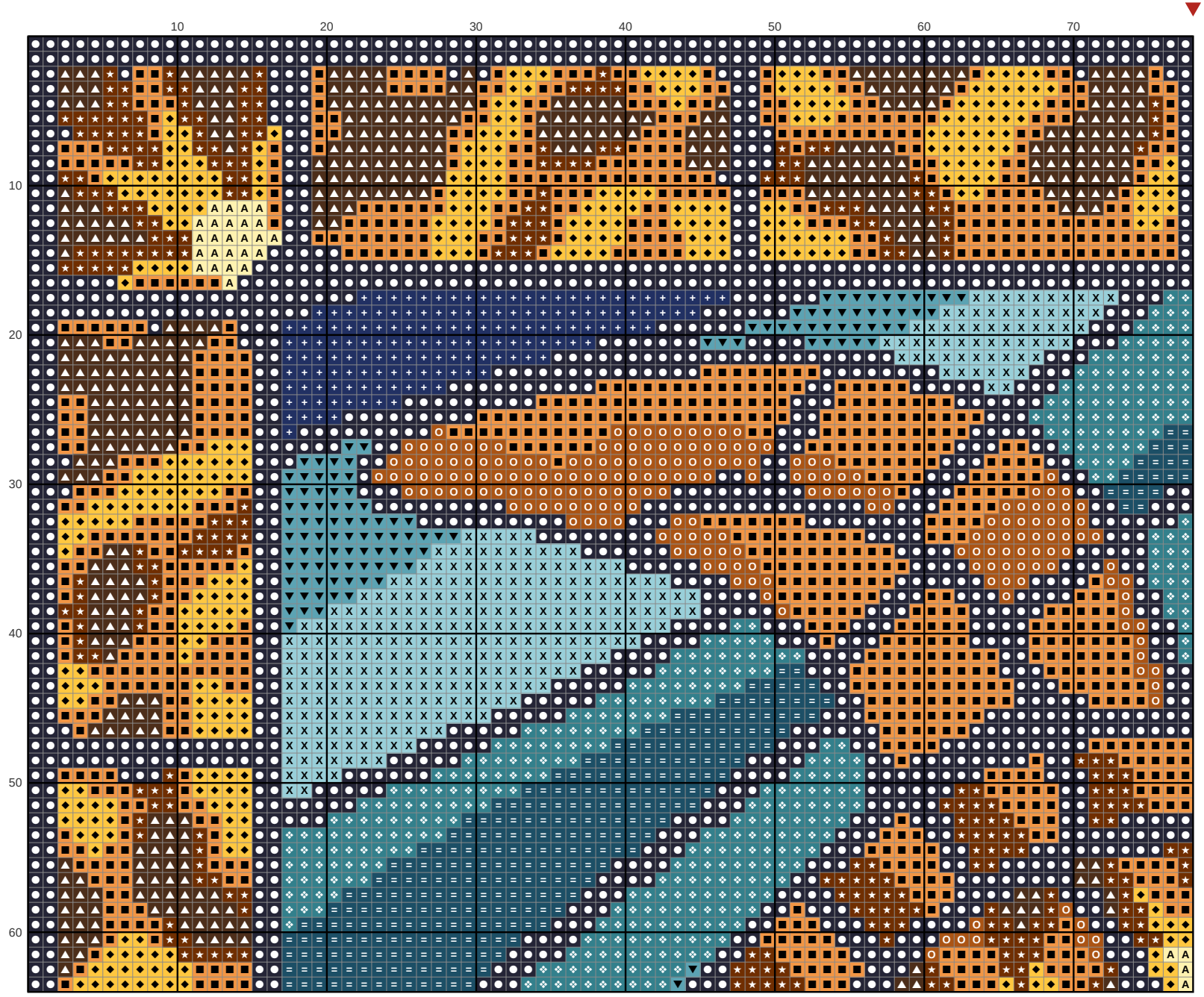

Key

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- **DMC 3765** Very Dark Peacock Blue
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- **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- **DMC 823** Dark Navy Blue
- **DMC 311** Medium Navy Blue
- **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz

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Chart 2 of 5: columns 79 to 156, rows 1 to 64; gray squares repeat columns 77 and 78

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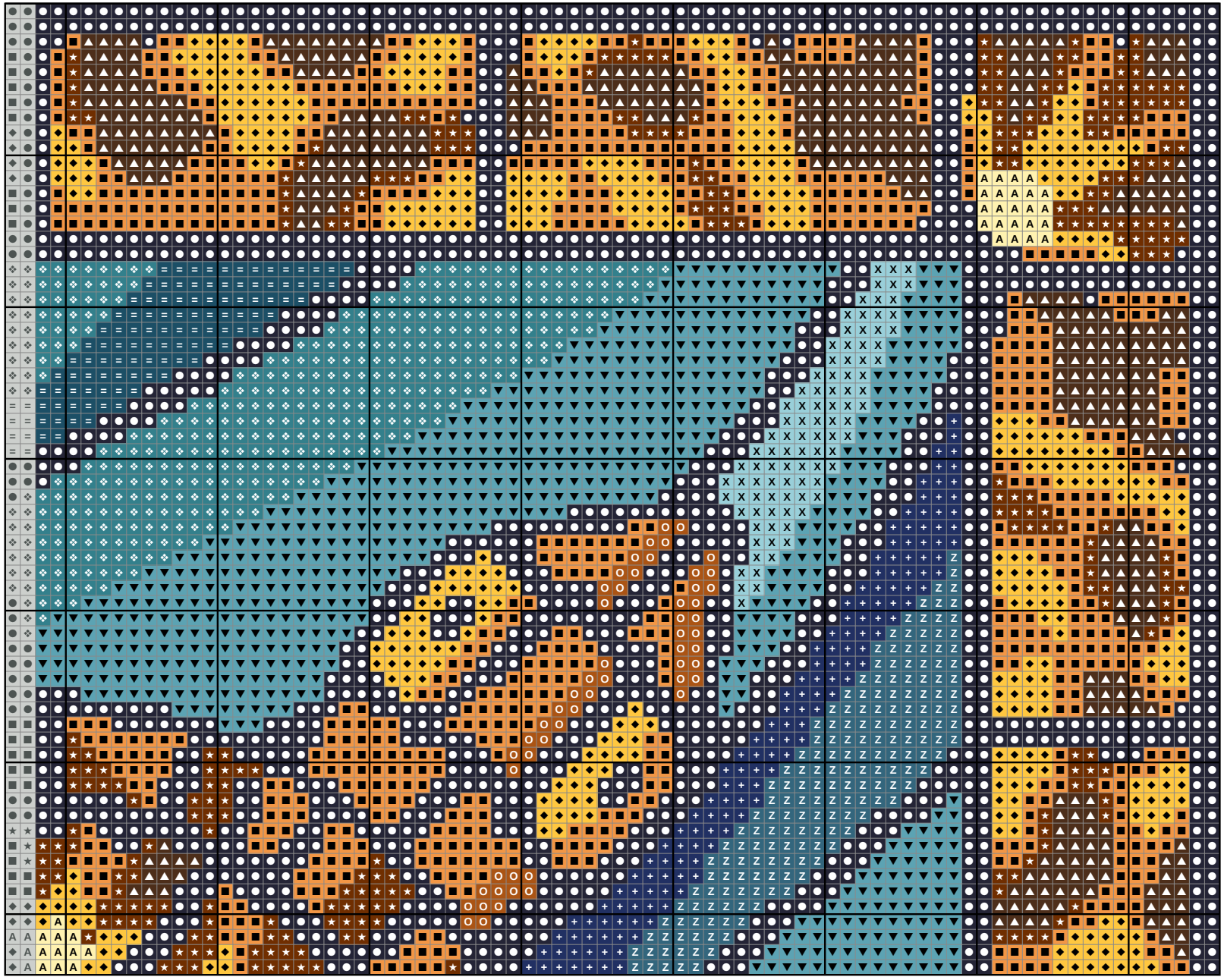

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- **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz

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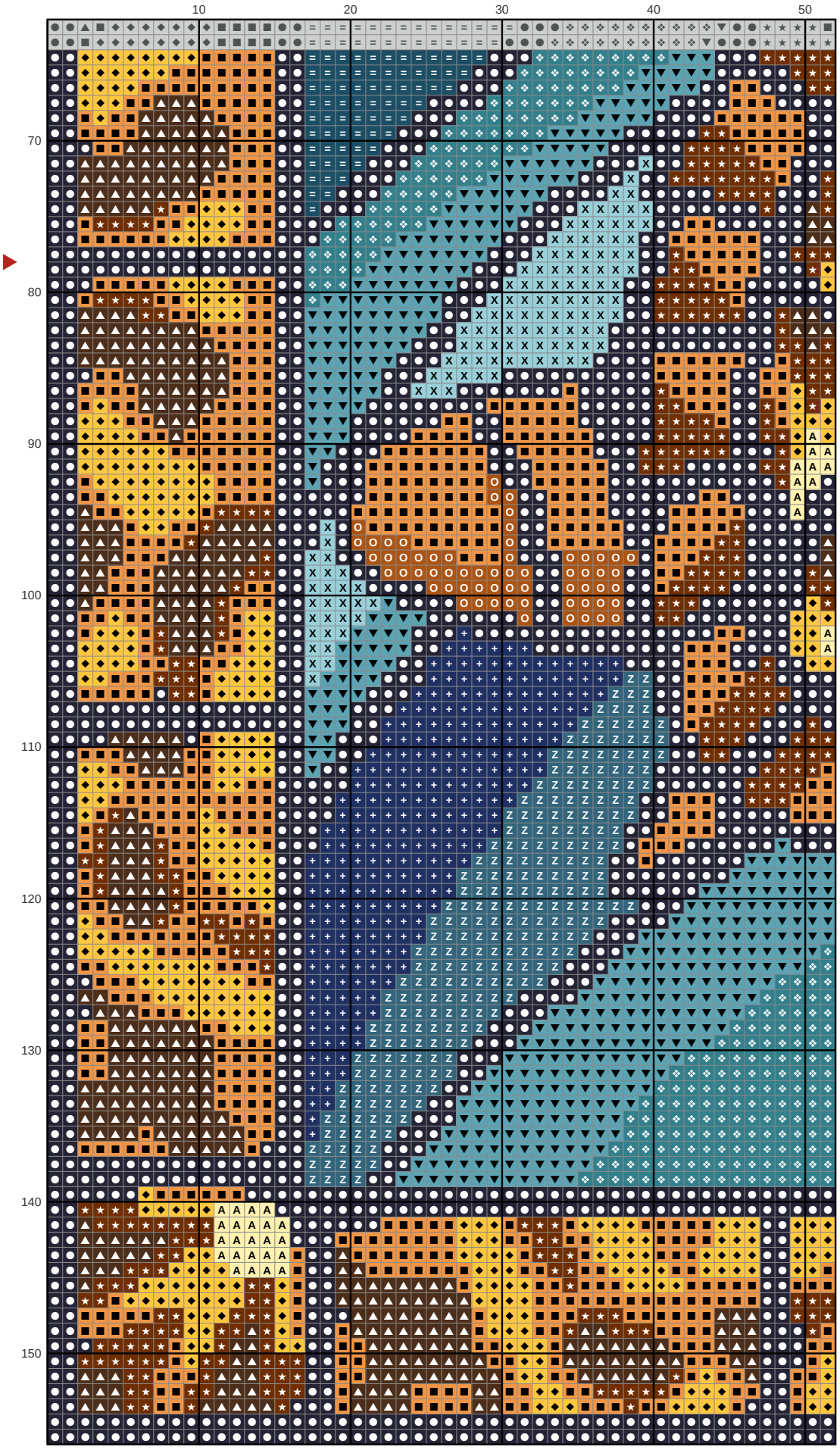
Chart 3 of 5: columns 1 to 52, rows 65 to 156; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64



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- DMC 823
- DMC 311
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- DMC 727

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Chart 4 of 5: columns 53 to 104, rows 65 to 156; gray squares repeat columns 51 and 52 and rows 63 and 64

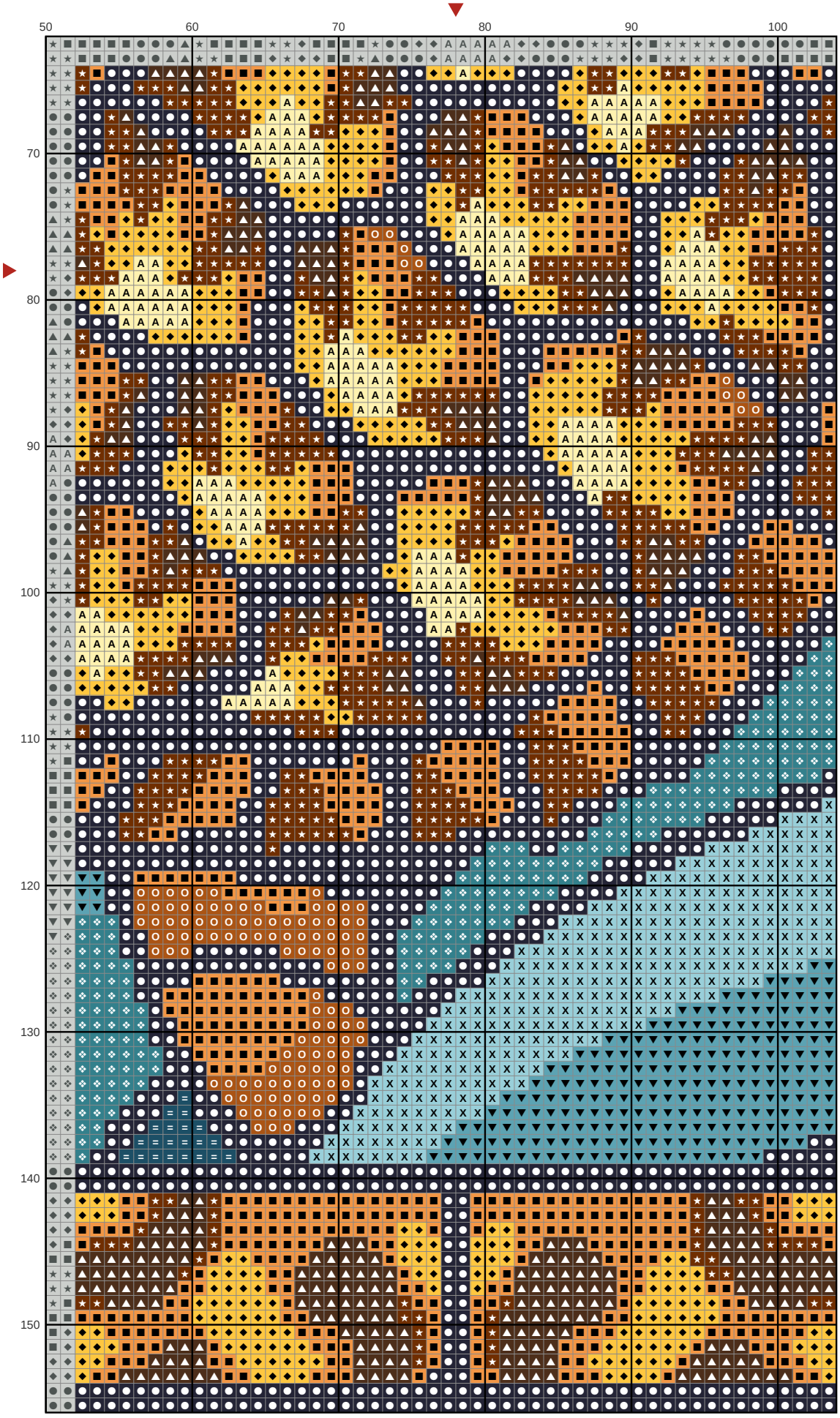

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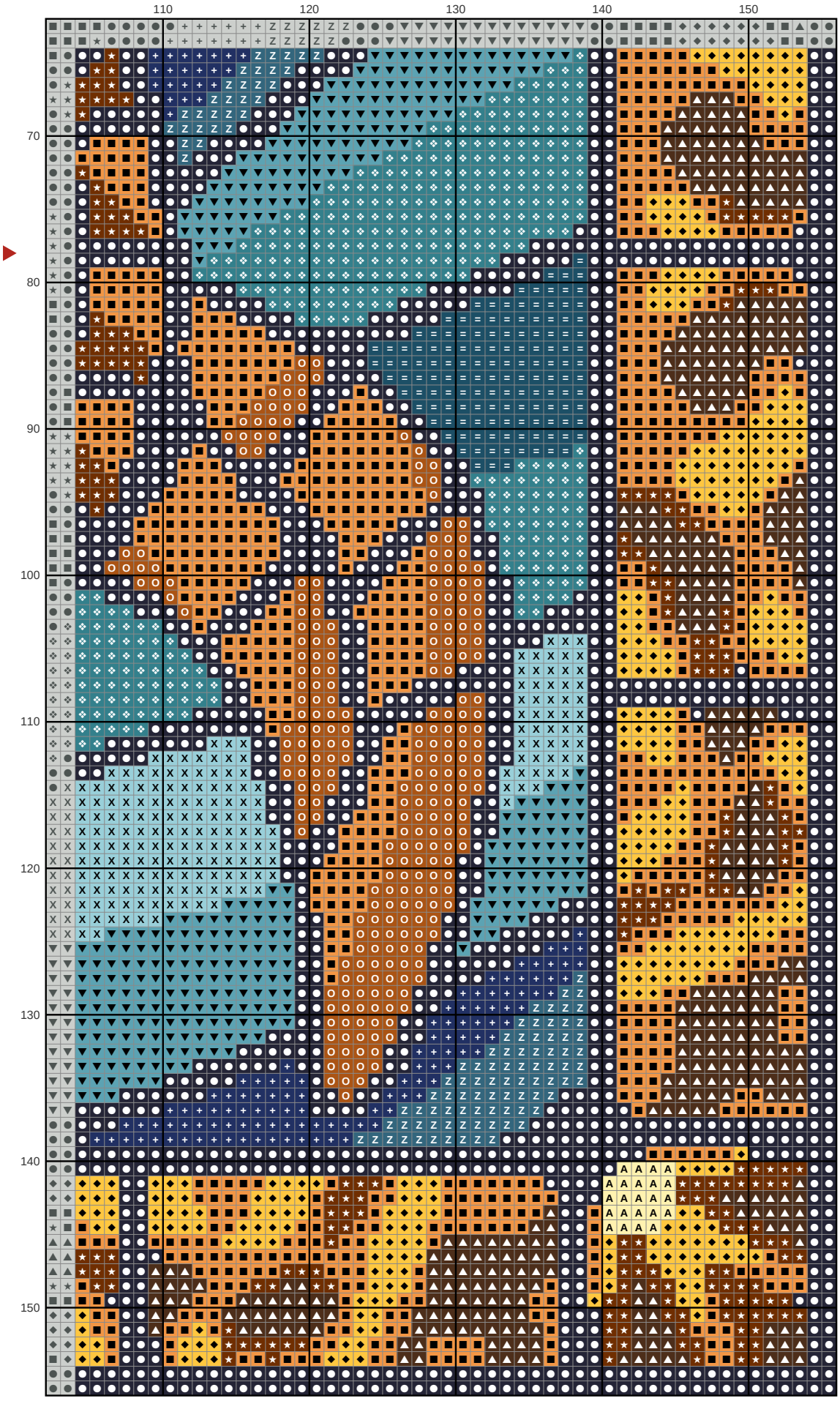
Chart 5 of 5: columns 105 to 156, rows 65 to 156; gray squares repeat columns 103 and 104 and rows 63 and 64



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