Winter pineapple with a cardinal

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 126 stitches | 5 x 7 in (12.7 x 17.8 cm) on 18 mesh | 20 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	**161**	Gray Blue	1,607	11	2
■	**159**	Light Gray Blue	1,440	10	2
▲	**500**	Very Dark Blue Green	1,225	9	1
◆	**160**	Medium Gray Blue	1,103	8	1
▼	**BLANC**	White	911	7	1
★	**898**	Very Dark Coffee Brown	791	6	1
❖	**501**	Dark Blue Green	768	6	1
X	**414**	Dark Steel Gray	728	5	1
O	**26**	Pale Lavender	713	5	1
+	**503**	Medium Blue Green	414	3	1
=	**783**	Medium Topaz	282	2	1
Z	**3848**	Medium Teal Green	253	2	1
A	**782**	Dark Topaz	215	2	1
V	**433**	Medium Brown	182	2	1
T	**321**	Red	182	2	1
N	**3820**	Dark Straw	156	2	1
S	**815**	Medium Garnet	150	2	1
K	**3799**	Very Dark Pewter Gray	115	1	1
E	**350**	Medium Coral	62	1	1
C	**3822**	Light Straw	43	1	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 22 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 20 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 20 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 87 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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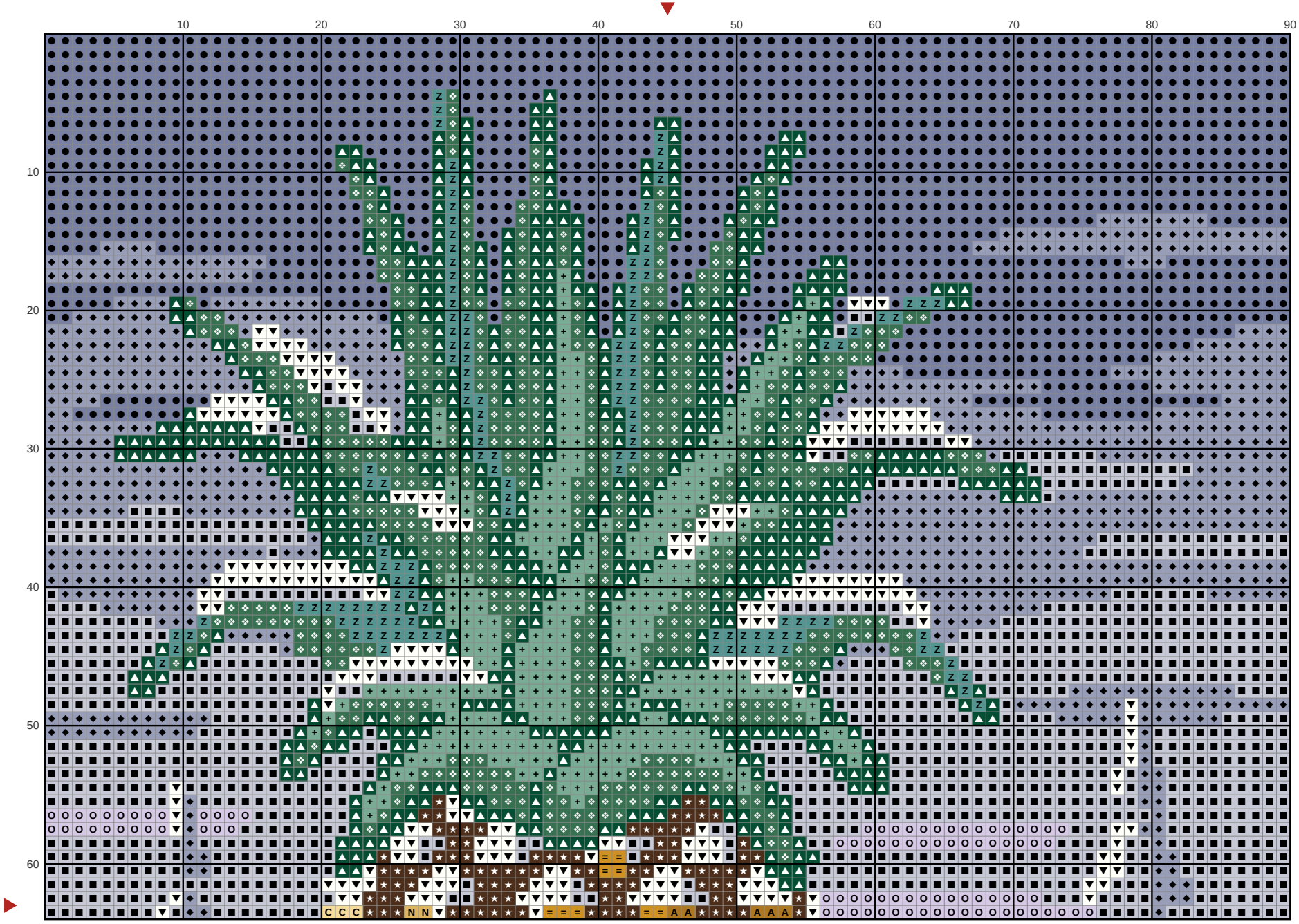

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 1 to 90, rows 65 to 126; gray squares repeat rows 63 and 64

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