Storybook alphabet placemat

Needlepoint pattern | 226 x 176 stitches | 17.4 x 13.5 in (44.2 x 34.4 cm) on 13 mesh | 9 colors



Thread key

			stitches	yards	skeins of floss
●	**DMC 712**	Cream	27,570	262	41
■	**DMC 815**	Medium Garnet	7,816	75	12
▲	**DMC 3750**	Very Dark Antique Blue	3,083	30	5
◆	**DMC 729**	Medium Old Gold	654	7	1
▼	**DMC 3823**	Ultra Pale Yellow	395	4	1
★	**DMC 3363**	Medium Pine Green	142	2	1
❖	**DMC 347**	Very Dark Salmon	56	1	1
X	**DMC 975**	Dark Golden Brown	32	1	1
O	**DMC 3364**	Pine Green	28	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 21.4 x 17.5 in (54.3 x 44.5 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

39,776 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 64 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 29 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 50 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 38 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 383 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.

When it is stitched: also have a finisher, or the fabric and cord to make it up yourself. Ask before you stitch the edge: some finishes take extra rows. "Ways to finish needlepoint" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

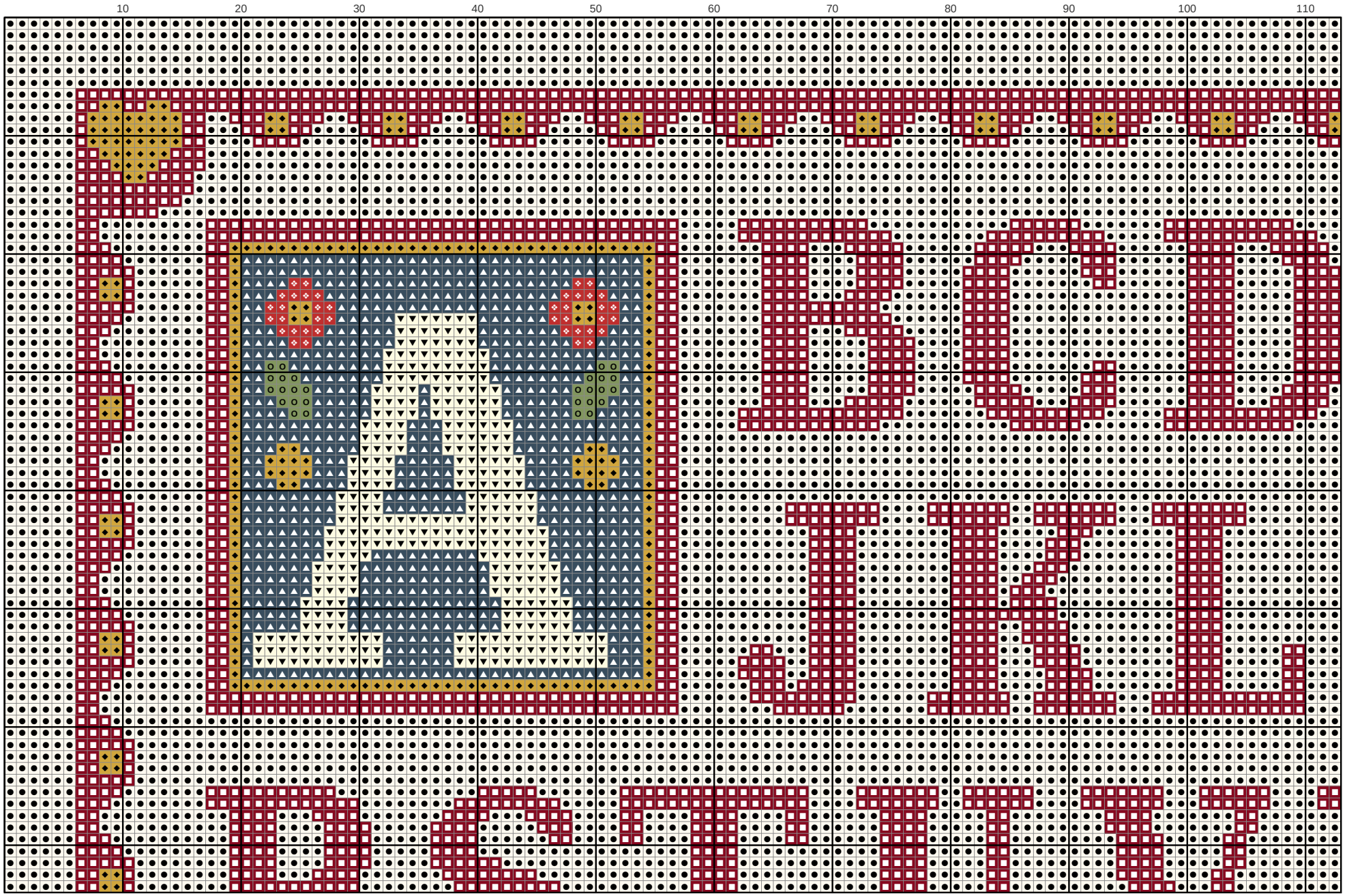
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Chart 1 of 5: columns 1 to 113, rows 1 to 74

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Chart 2 of 5: columns 114 to 226, rows 1 to 74; gray squares repeat columns 112 and 113

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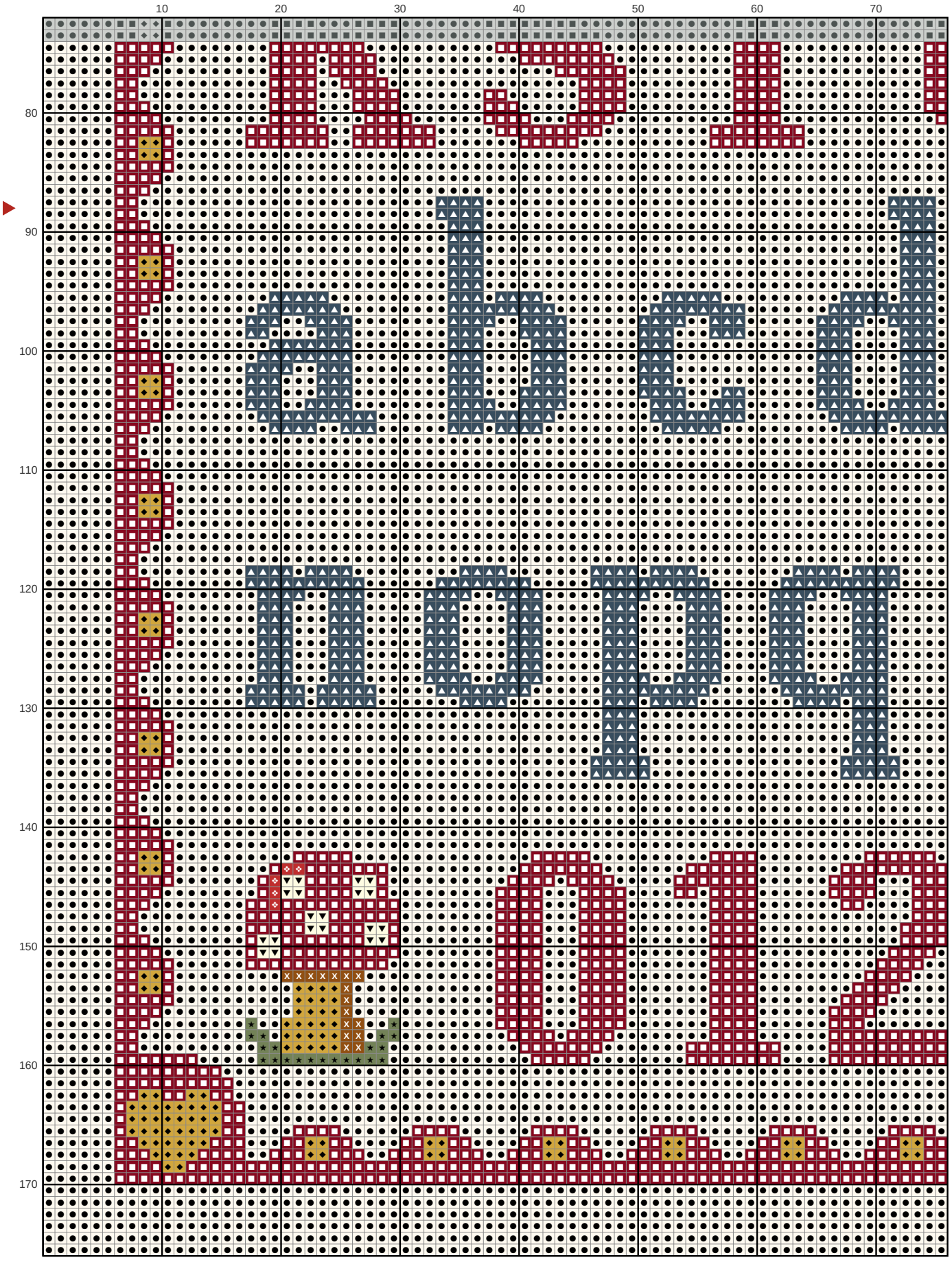


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Chart 3 of 5: columns 1 to 76, rows 75 to 176; gray squares repeat rows 73 and 74



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Chart 4 of 5: columns 77 to 151, rows 75 to 176; gray squares repeat columns 75 and 76 and rows 73 and 74



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Chart 5 of 5: columns 152 to 226, rows 75 to 176; gray squares repeat columns 150 and 151 and rows 73 and 74

