Squirrel guarding a wall of acorns

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 90 stitches | 5 x 5 in (12.7 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 17 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	3810	Dark Turquoise	1,808	13	2
■	300	Very Dark Mahogany	1,084	8	1
▲	301	Medium Mahogany	760	6	1
◆	402	Very Light Mahogany	702	5	1
▼	3820	Dark Straw	666	5	1
★	3371	Black Brown	561	4	1
❖	400	Dark Mahogany	527	4	1
X	3776	Light Mahogany	506	4	1
O	433	Medium Brown	484	4	1
+	712	Cream	284	2	1
=	782	Dark Topaz	219	2	1
Z	471	Very Light Avocado Green	179	2	1
A	436	Tan	108	1	1
V	469	Avocado Green	88	1	1
T	738	Very Light Tan	64	1	1
N	919	Red Copper	44	1	1
S	BLANC	White	16	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 9 x 9 in (22.9 x 22.9 cm) for 18 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

8,100 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 divided evenly over 2 pages. Where chart pages join, gray squares repeat two columns. 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 18 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 5, 1 strand, about 17 skeins of 27.3 yd; or Persian wool, 1 strand, about 17 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 64 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.

Fit it into a lid: also have the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first and add a row or two of background to sit under its edge. "How to fit it into a lid" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 45, rows 1 to 90

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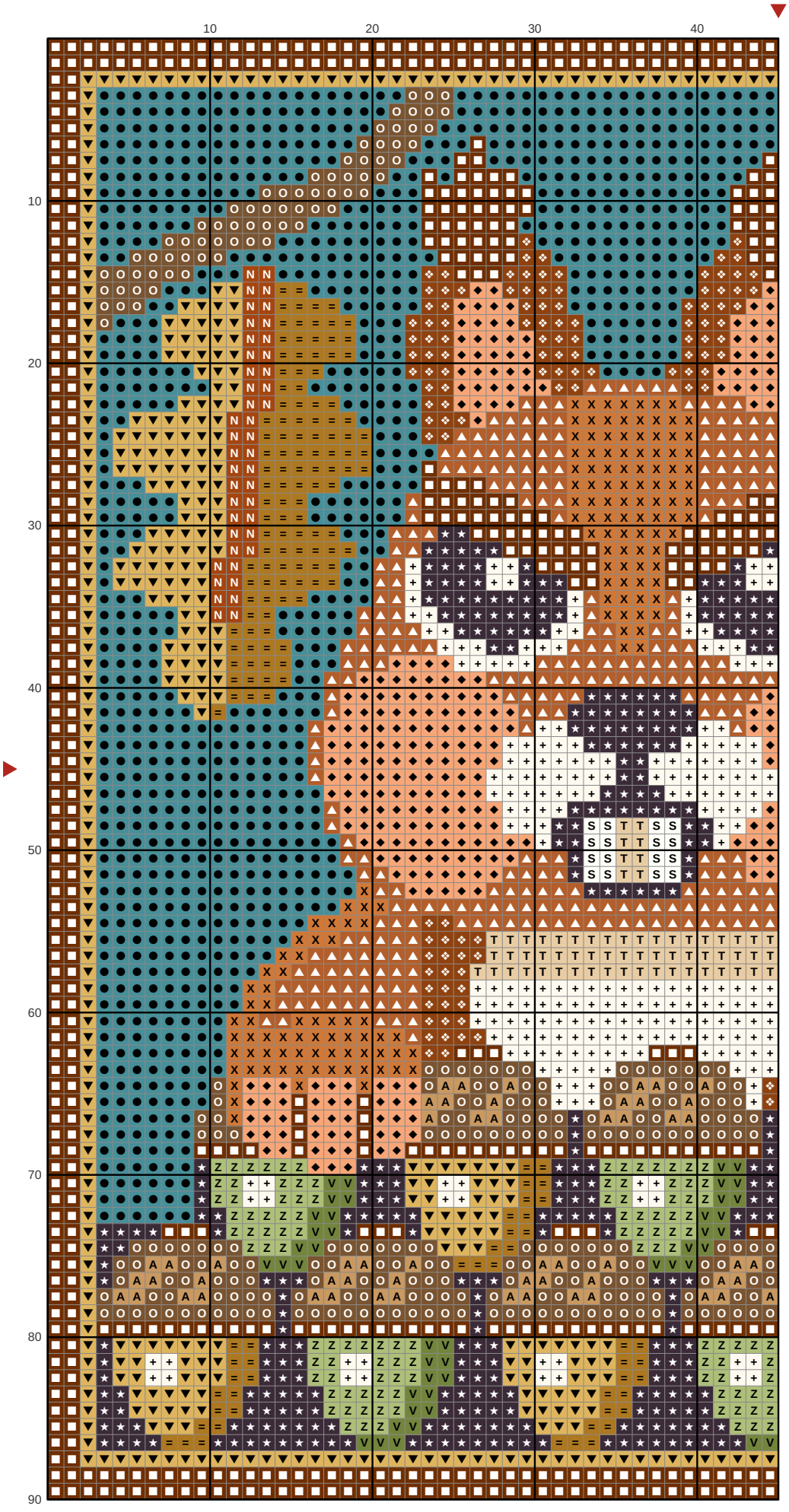

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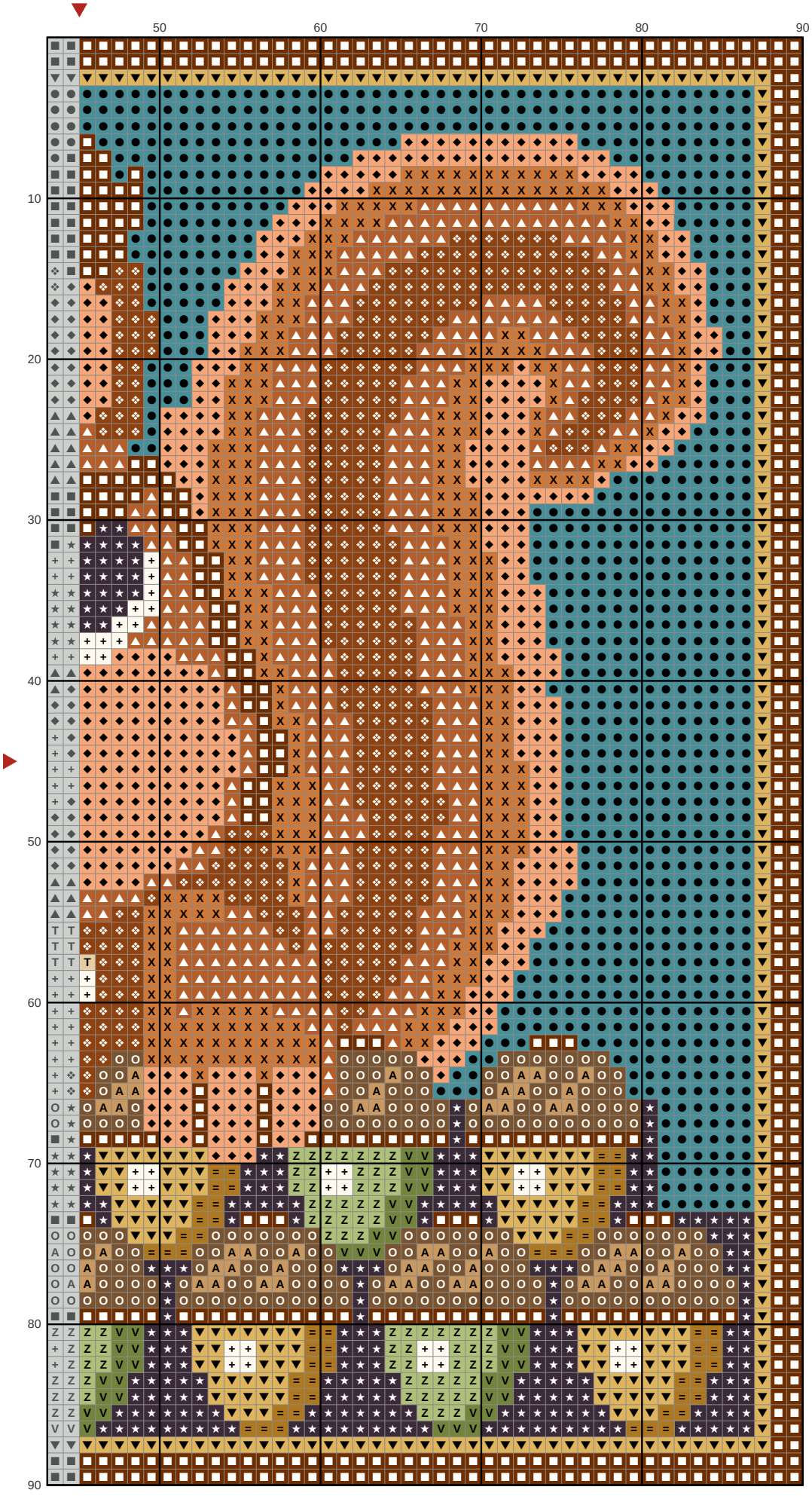
Chart 2 of 2: columns 46 to 90, rows 1 to 90; gray squares repeat columns 44 and 45



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