Baby girl birth announcement pillow

Needlepoint pattern | 130 x 130 stitches | 10 x 10 in (25.4 x 25.4 cm) on 13 mesh | 20 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	BLANC	White	4,393	42	7
■	3733	Dusty Rose	3,479	33	6
▲	3803	Dark Mauve	1,716	17	3
◆	3326	Light Rose	1,524	15	3
▼	504	Very Light Blue Green	1,081	11	2
★	963	Ultra Very Light Dusty Rose	803	8	2
❖	3731	Very Dark Dusty Rose	671	7	1
X	3689	Light Mauve	605	6	1
O	3817	Light Celadon Green	595	6	1
+	932	Light Antique Blue	431	5	1
=	3753	Ultra Very Light Antique Blue	347	4	1
Z	501	Dark Blue Green	332	4	1
A	817	Very Dark Coral Red	228	3	1
V	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	173	2	1
T	950	Light Desert Sand	143	2	1
N	351	Coral	104	1	1
S	433	Medium Brown	96	1	1
K	3750	Very Dark Antique Blue	84	1	1
E	500	Very Dark Blue Green	69	1	1
C	758	Very Light Terra Cotta	26	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 14 x 14 in (35.6 x 35.6 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

16,900 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 4 pages. 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 37 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 24 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 30 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 27 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 170 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.

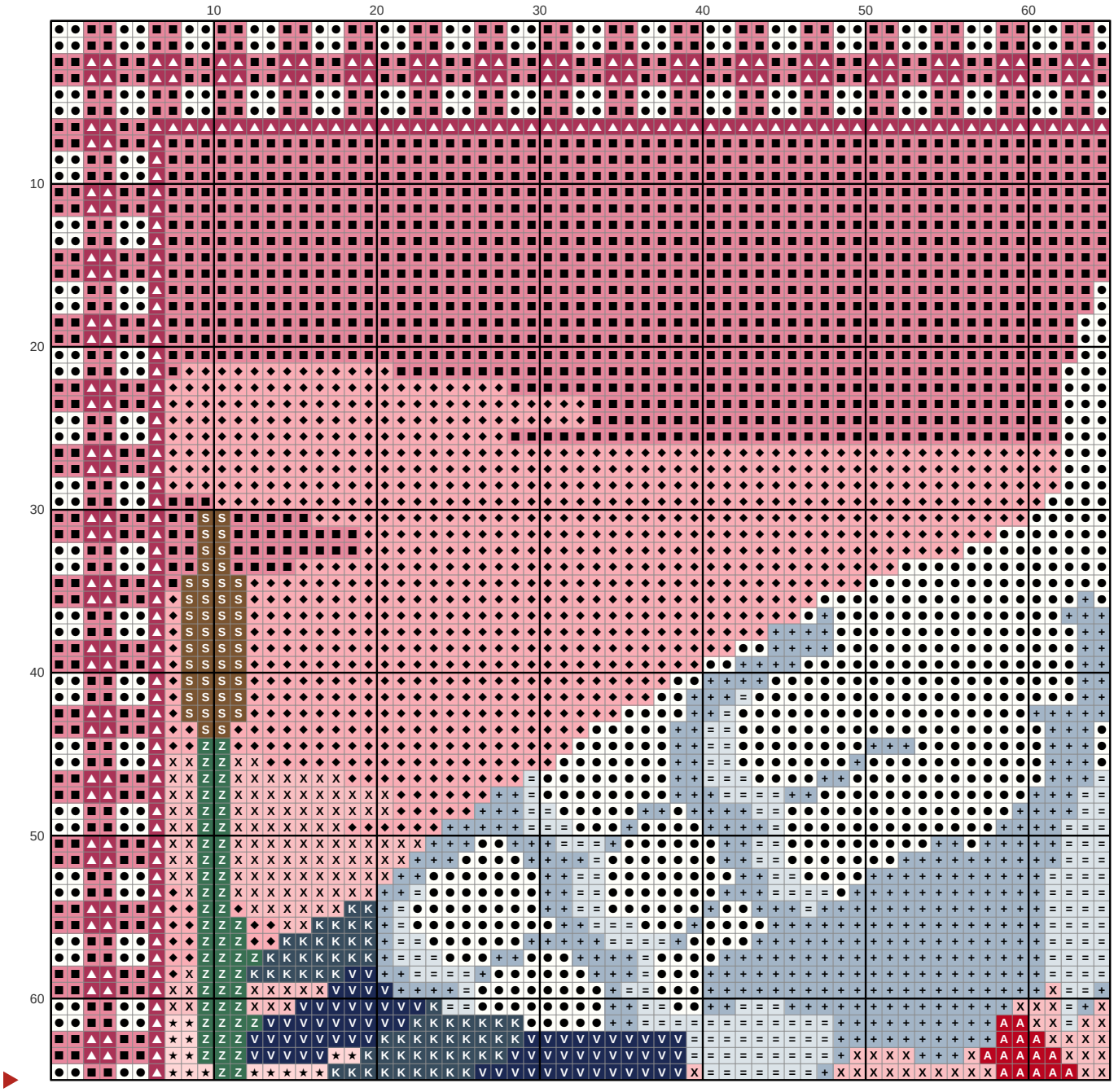
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Chart 1 of 4: columns 1 to 65, rows 1 to 65

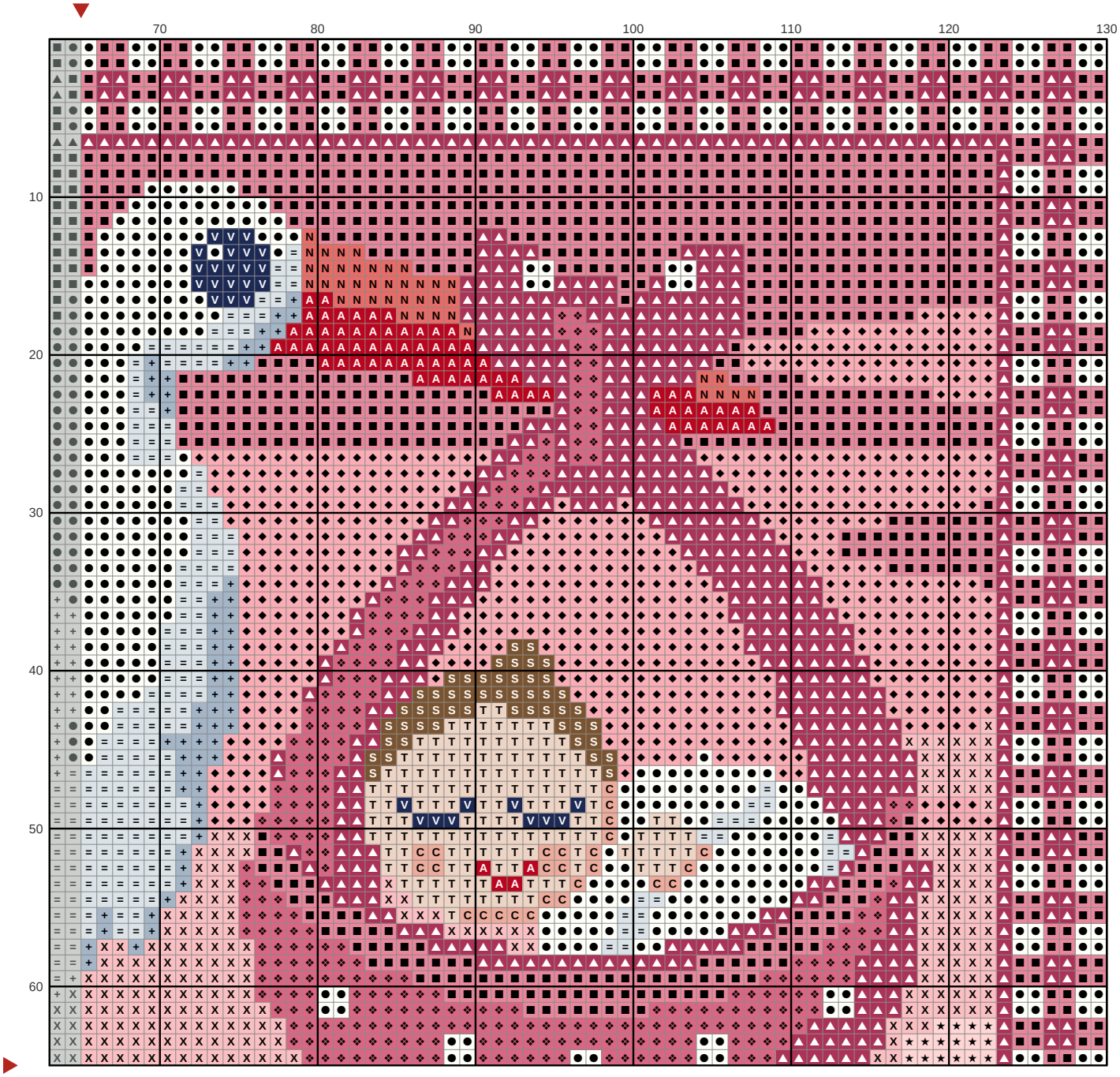


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Chart 2 of 4: columns 66 to 130, rows 1 to 65; gray squares repeat columns 64 and 65

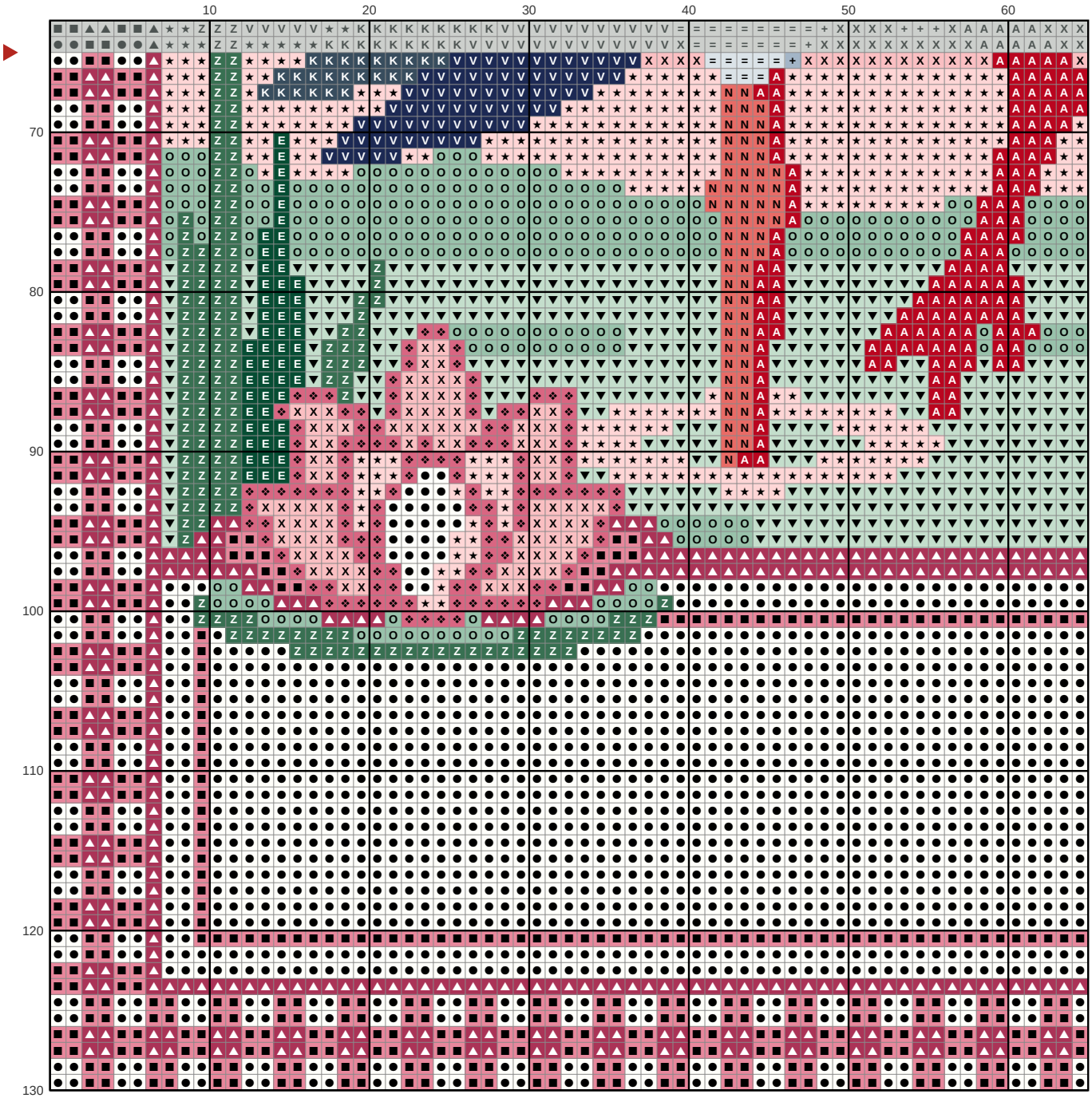


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Chart 4 of 4: columns 66 to 130, rows 66 to 130; gray squares repeat columns 64 and 65 and rows 64 and 65

