Cartoon alligator in a bubble bath

Needlepoint pattern | 130 x 91 stitches | 10 x 7 in (25.4 x 17.8 cm) on 13 mesh | 20 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	3733	Dusty Rose	2,100	20	4
■	BLANC	White	2,010	20	3
▲	3354	Light Dusty Rose	1,244	12	2
◆	825	Dark Blue	812	8	2
▼	3843	Electric Blue	783	8	2
★	702	Kelly Green	778	8	2
❖	890	Ultra Dark Pistachio Green	660	7	1
X	823	Dark Navy Blue	567	6	1
O	704	Bright Chartreuse	499	5	1
+	598	Light Turquoise	447	5	1
=	3325	Light Baby Blue	447	5	1
Z	780	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	359	4	1
A	727	Very Light Topaz	310	3	1
V	699	Green	223	3	1
T	783	Medium Topaz	194	2	1
N	932	Light Antique Blue	186	2	1
S	743	Medium Yellow	156	2	1
K	996	Medium Electric Blue	33	1	1
E	742	Light Tangerine	14	1	1
C	947	Burnt Orange	8	1	1

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

Cut the canvas at least 14 x 11 in (35.6 x 27.9 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

11,830 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, 7 or 8 strands in the needle on 13 mesh (counted at 8), about 29 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 25 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 22 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 123 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.

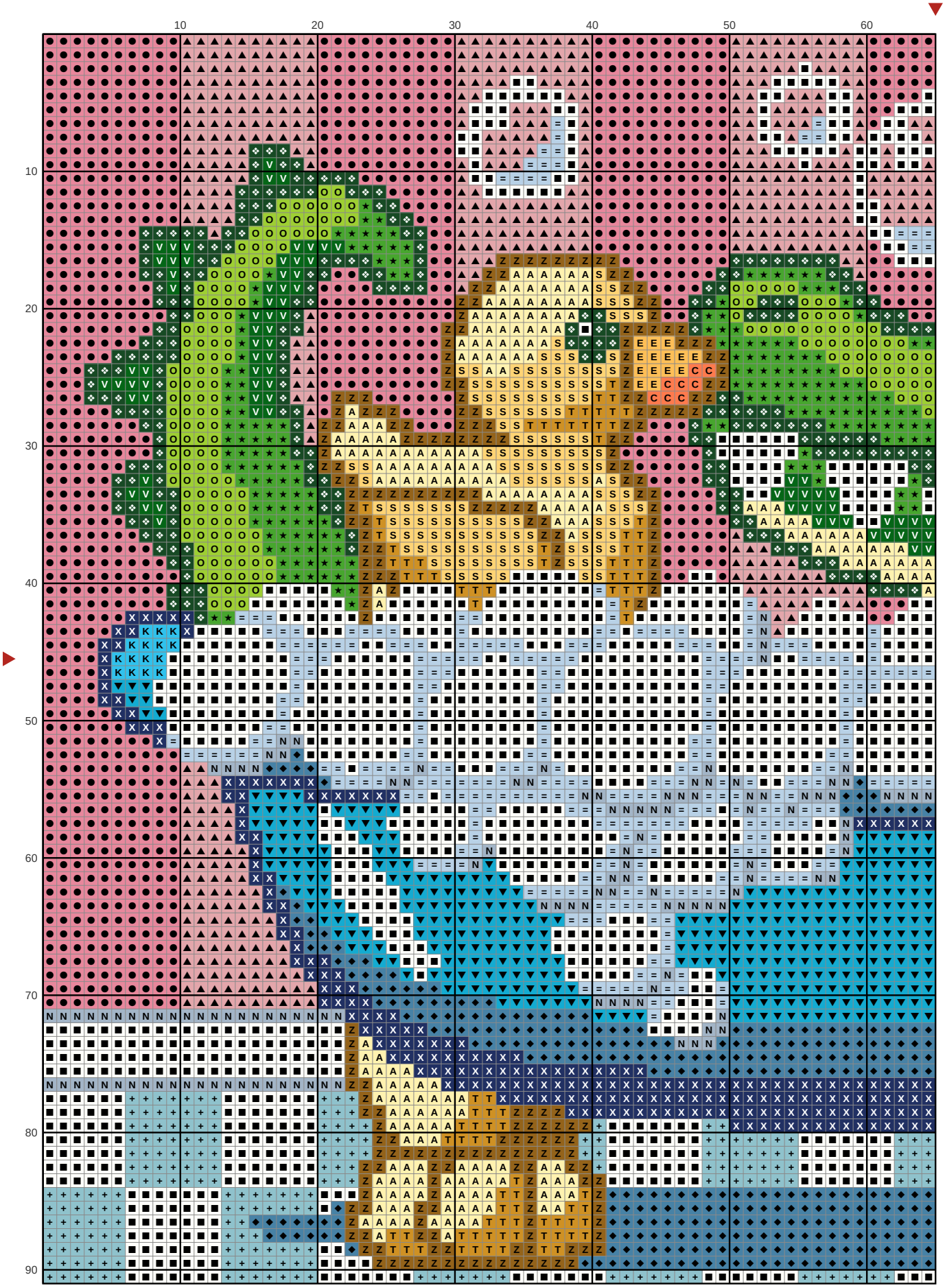
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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 65, rows 1 to 91

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Chart 2 of 2: columns 66 to 130, rows 1 to 91; gray squares repeat columns 64 and 65

