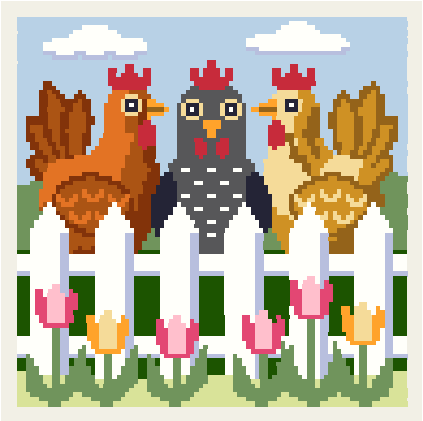
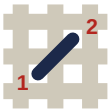
Whimsical picket fence with hens

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



How to stitch it



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2. Lines in continental, right to left, the canvas upside down for the next row; wide areas in basketweave.
2. Cut 18 in of thread. Start and end it without a knot left behind.
3. Mark the middle of the canvas. It is the outlined square on page 2, column 45, row 45 (DMC 413): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: the opening's edge hides them.

First time? How to needlepoint: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-start/
How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 9.5 in square (24.1 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 18 colors, about 20 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Fit it into a lid: the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first.
How to fit it into a lid.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	BLANC	White	1,684	2
■	3325	Light Baby Blue	1,528	2
▲	3347	Medium Yellow Green	804	1
◆	895	Very Dark Hunter Green	517	1
▼	413	Dark Pewter Gray	423	1
★	341	Light Blue Violet	421	1
❖	783	Medium Topaz	322	1
X	3822	Light Straw	316	1
H	920	Medium Copper	304	1
+	780	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	273	1
=	918	Dark Red Copper	263	1
Z	472	Ultra Light Avocado Green	236	1
A	922	Light Copper	224	1
V	321	Red	202	1
T	602	Medium Cranberry	176	1
N	310	Black	150	1
S	605	Very Light Cranberry	132	1
K	741	Medium Tangerine	125	1

Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

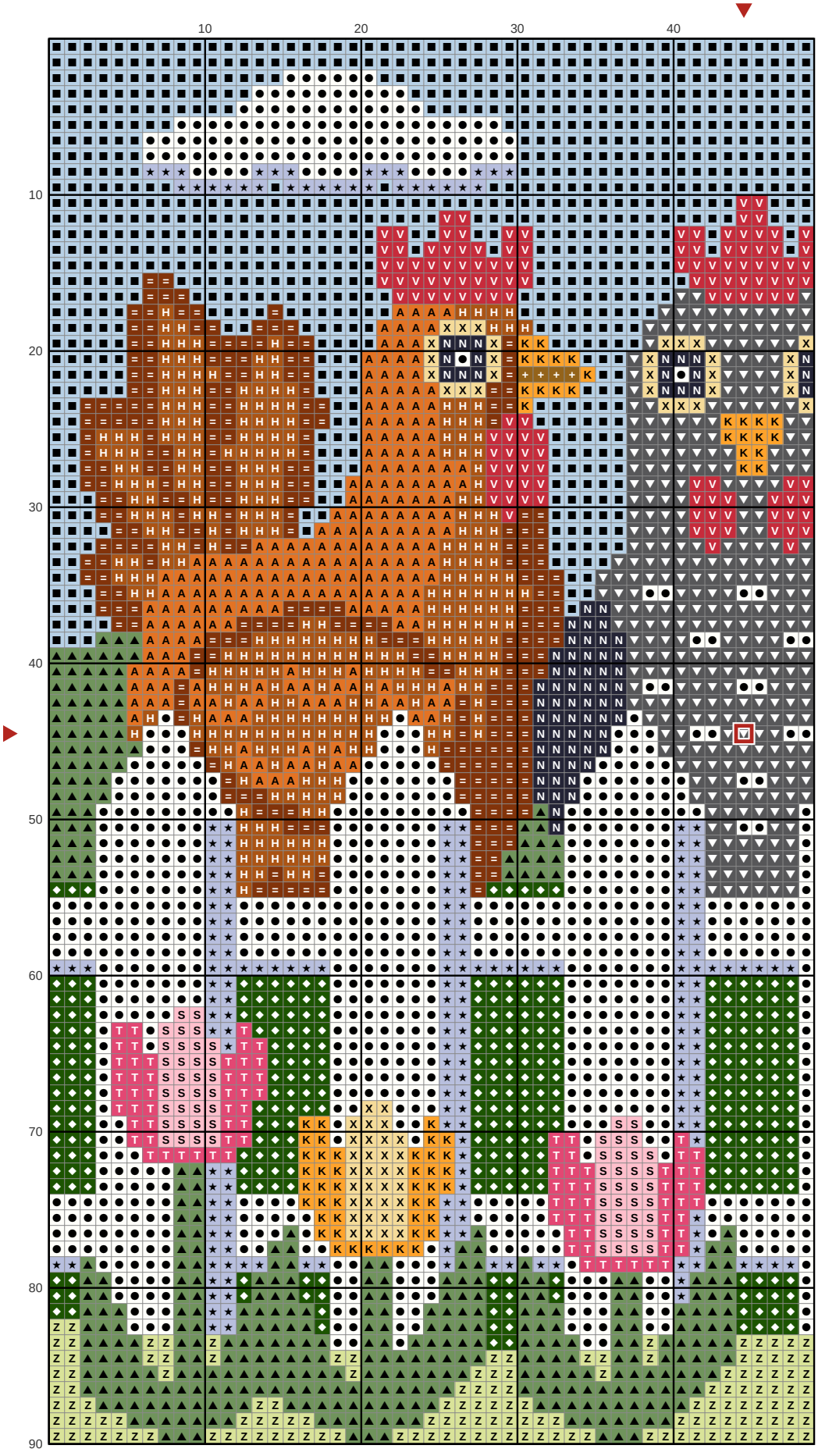
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Needlepoint pattern

Columns 1 to 49, rows 1 to 90. Start at the red outline

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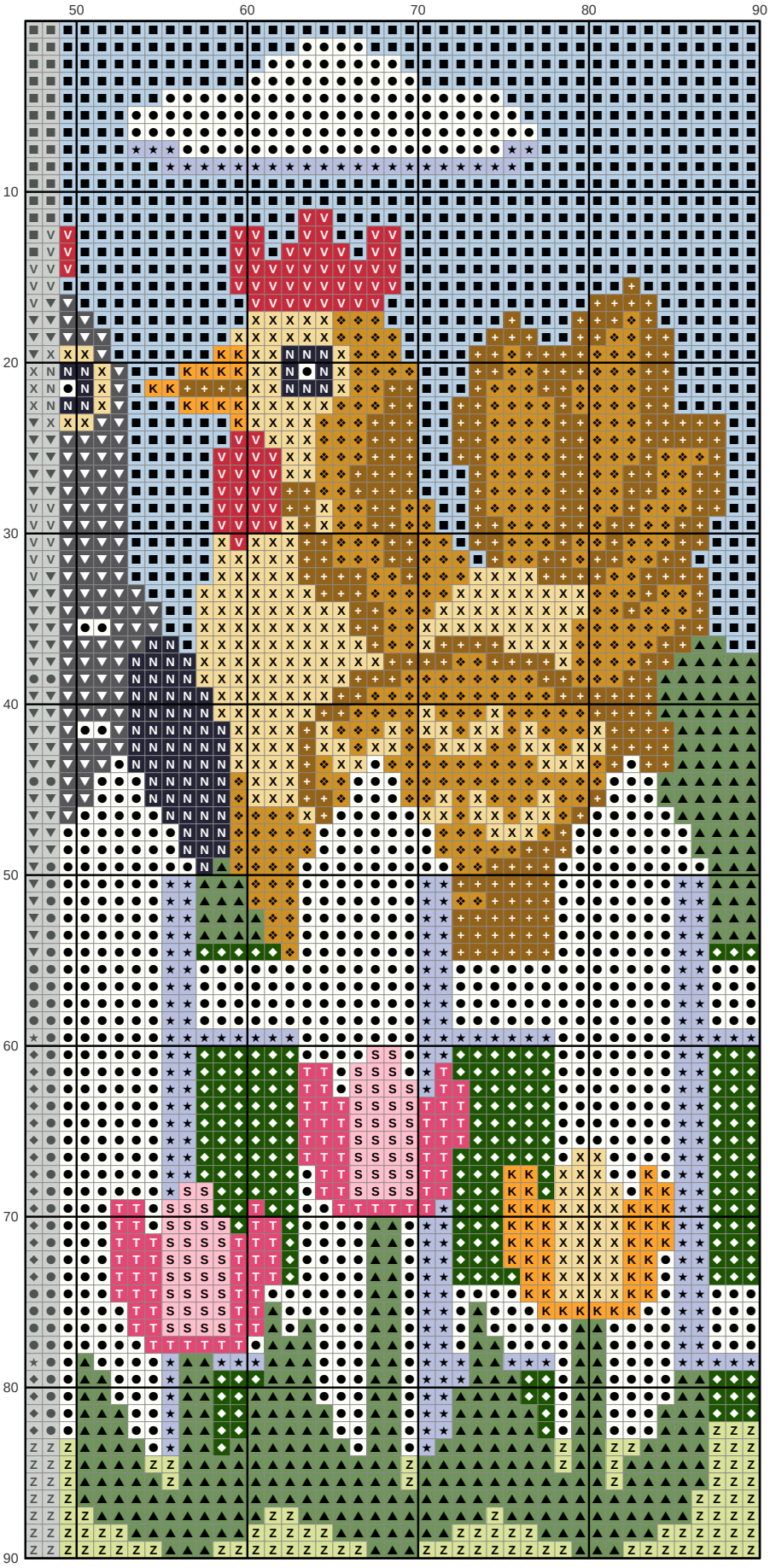
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- ▼ **DMC 413** Dark Pewter Gray
- ★ **DMC 341** Light Blue Violet
- X **DMC 3822** Light Straw
- H **DMC 920** Medium Copper
- \+ **DMC 780** Ultra Very Dark Topaz
- = **DMC 918** Dark Red Copper
- Z **DMC 472** Ultra Light Avocado Green
- A **DMC 922** Light Copper
- V **DMC 321** Red
- T **DMC 602** Medium Cranberry
- N **DMC 310** Black
- S **DMC 605** Very Light Cranberry
- K **DMC 741** Medium Tangerine

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Needlepoint pattern

Columns 50 to 90, rows 1 to 90. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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