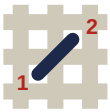
Whimsical Pisces the fishes

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 90 stitches | 5 x 5 in (12.7 x 12.7 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 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 745): 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, 16 colors, about 19 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
●	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	1,479	2
■	336	Navy Blue	1,453	2
▲	312	Very Dark Baby Blue	1,289	2
◆	598	Light Turquoise	621	1
▼	352	Light Coral	556	1
★	350	Medium Coral	520	1
❖	3810	Dark Turquoise	478	1
X	725	Medium Light Topaz	401	1
H	782	Dark Topaz	360	1
+	3823	Ultra Pale Yellow	305	1
=	747	Very Light Sky Blue	199	1
Z	817	Very Dark Coral Red	160	1
A	745	Light Pale Yellow	109	1
V	3824	Light Apricot	89	1
T	3808	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	64	1
N	3712	Medium Salmon	17	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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Columns 1 to 49, rows 1 to 90. Start at the red outline

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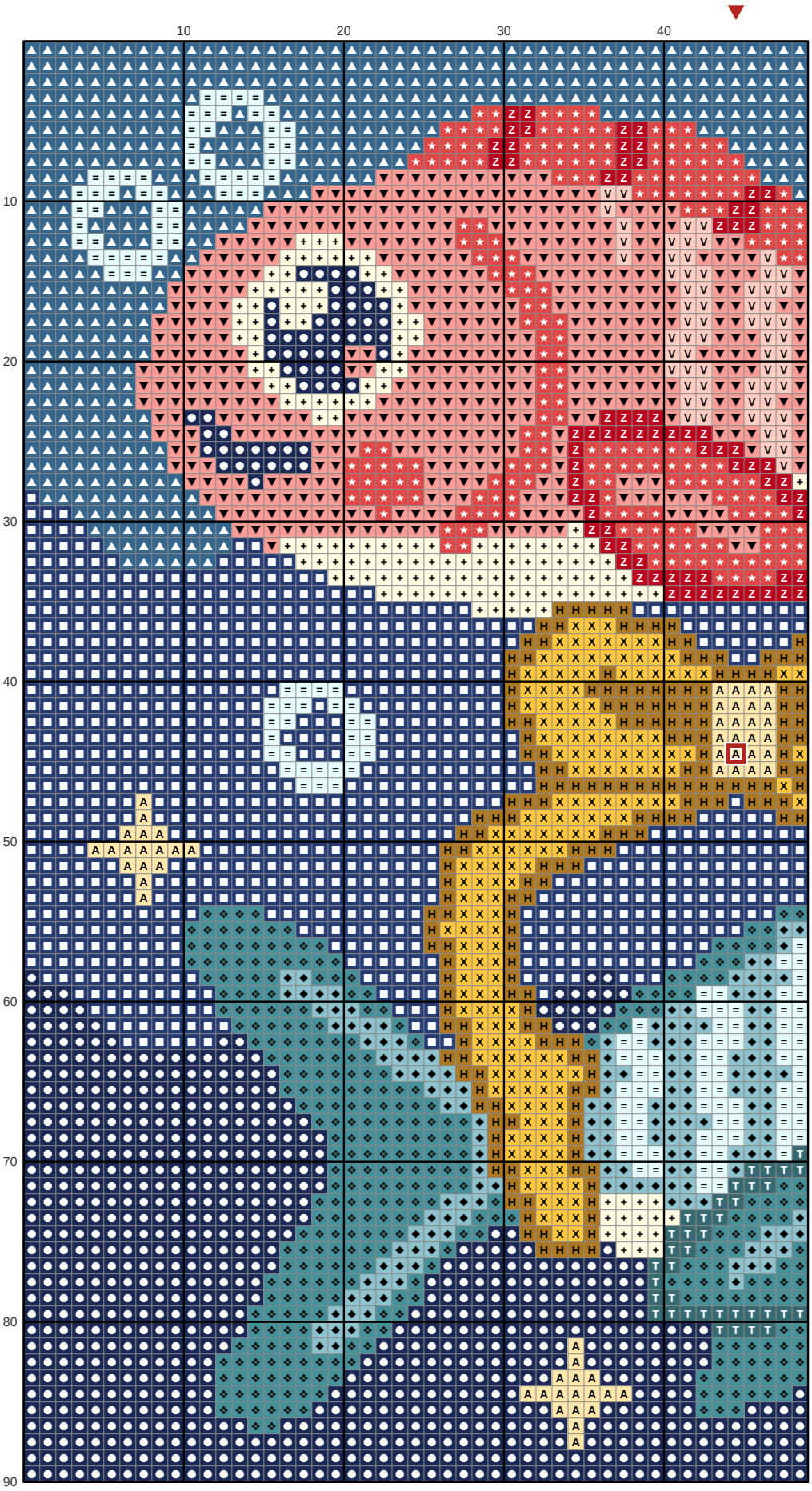

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- **DMC 336** Navy Blue
- **DMC 312** Very Dark Baby Blue
- **DMC 598** Light Turquoise
- **DMC 352** Light Coral
- **DMC 350** Medium Coral
- **DMC 3810** Dark Turquoise
- **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
- **DMC 782** Dark Topaz
- **DMC 3823** Ultra Pale Yellow
- **DMC 747** Very Light Sky Blue
- **DMC 817** Very Dark Coral Red
- **DMC 745** Light Pale Yellow
- **DMC 3824** Light Apricot
- **DMC 3808** Ultra Very Dark Turquoise

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

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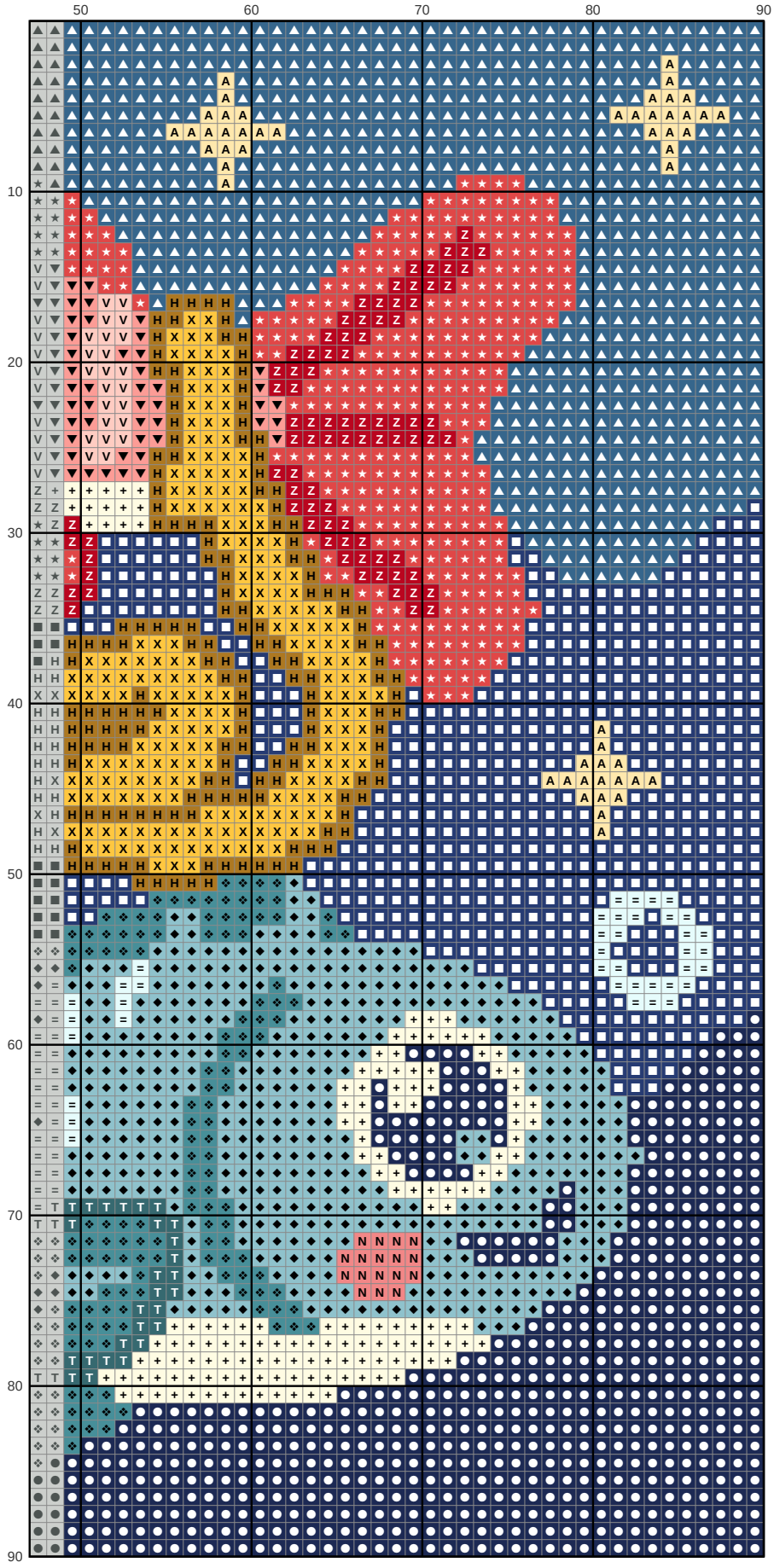

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