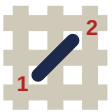
Red toy Christmas truck with tree

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



How to read the chart



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2: basketweave for the background, continental for lines.
2. Bind the edges. 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 (DMC 433): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Picture first, then border, background last. Gray squares are on two pages: stitch them once.
5. A heavier line stands every ten squares: count by them.
6. When it is done, block it square.

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You will need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 9 x 9 in (22.9 x 22.9 cm).

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

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

Fit it into a lid: the box or tray, acid-free board and backing. Measure the opening first. Stitch two extra rows all round, carrying the colors of the edge on: the edge of the opening covers them. With those rows, each stitch in the color it lies beside, it takes 2 skeins of DMC 775, not 1; 2 of DMC 437, not 1. How to fit it into a lid.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	437	Light Tan	1,248	1
■	775	Very Light Baby Blue	1,199	1
▲	3841	Pale Baby Blue	798	1
◆	666	Bright Red	722	1
▼	712	Cream	610	1
★	435	Very Light Brown	499	1
❖	814	Dark Garnet	451	1
X	3799	Very Dark Pewter Gray	350	1
O	988	Medium Forest Green	341	1
+	433	Medium Brown	291	1
=	351	Coral	286	1
Z	500	Very Dark Blue Green	279	1
A	727	Very Light Topaz	227	1
V	930	Dark Antique Blue	214	1
T	498	Dark Red	192	1
N	725	Medium Light Topaz	178	1
S	368	Light Pistachio Green	108	1
K	319	Very Dark Pistachio Green	107	1

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.
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.
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Chart 1 of 2: columns 1 to 45, rows 1 to 90. Start at the red outline

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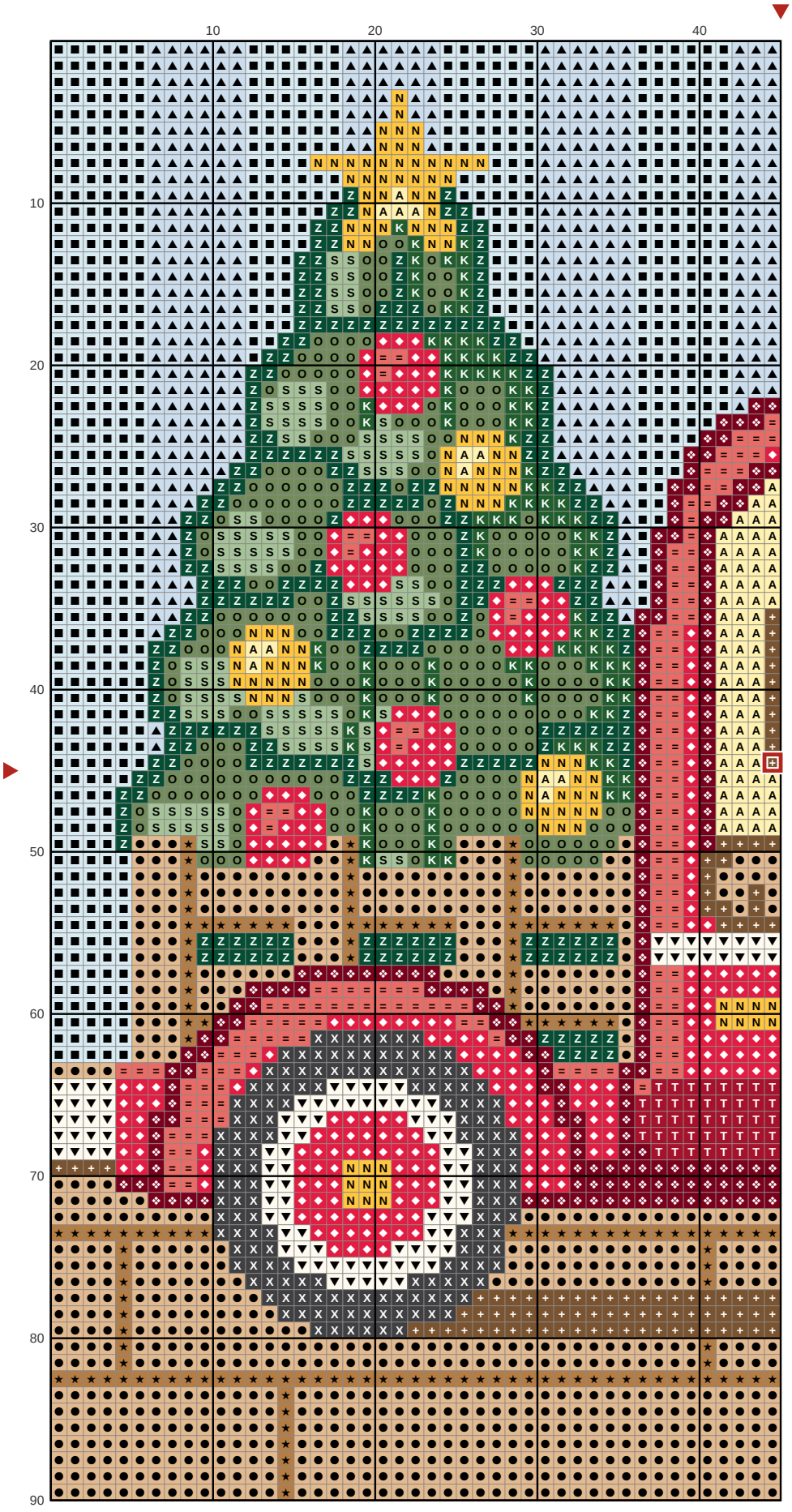

Key

- ● **DMC 437** Light Tan
- ■ **DMC 775** Very Light Baby Blue
- ▲ **DMC 3841** Pale Baby Blue
- ◆ **DMC 666** Bright Red
- ▼ **DMC 712** Cream
- ★ **DMC 435** Very Light Brown
- ❖ **DMC 814** Dark Garnet
- X **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- O **DMC 988** Medium Forest Green
- \+ **DMC 433** Medium Brown
- = **DMC 351** Coral
- Z **DMC 500** Very Dark Blue Green
- A **DMC 727** Very Light Topaz
- T **DMC 498** Dark Red
- N **DMC 725** Medium Light Topaz
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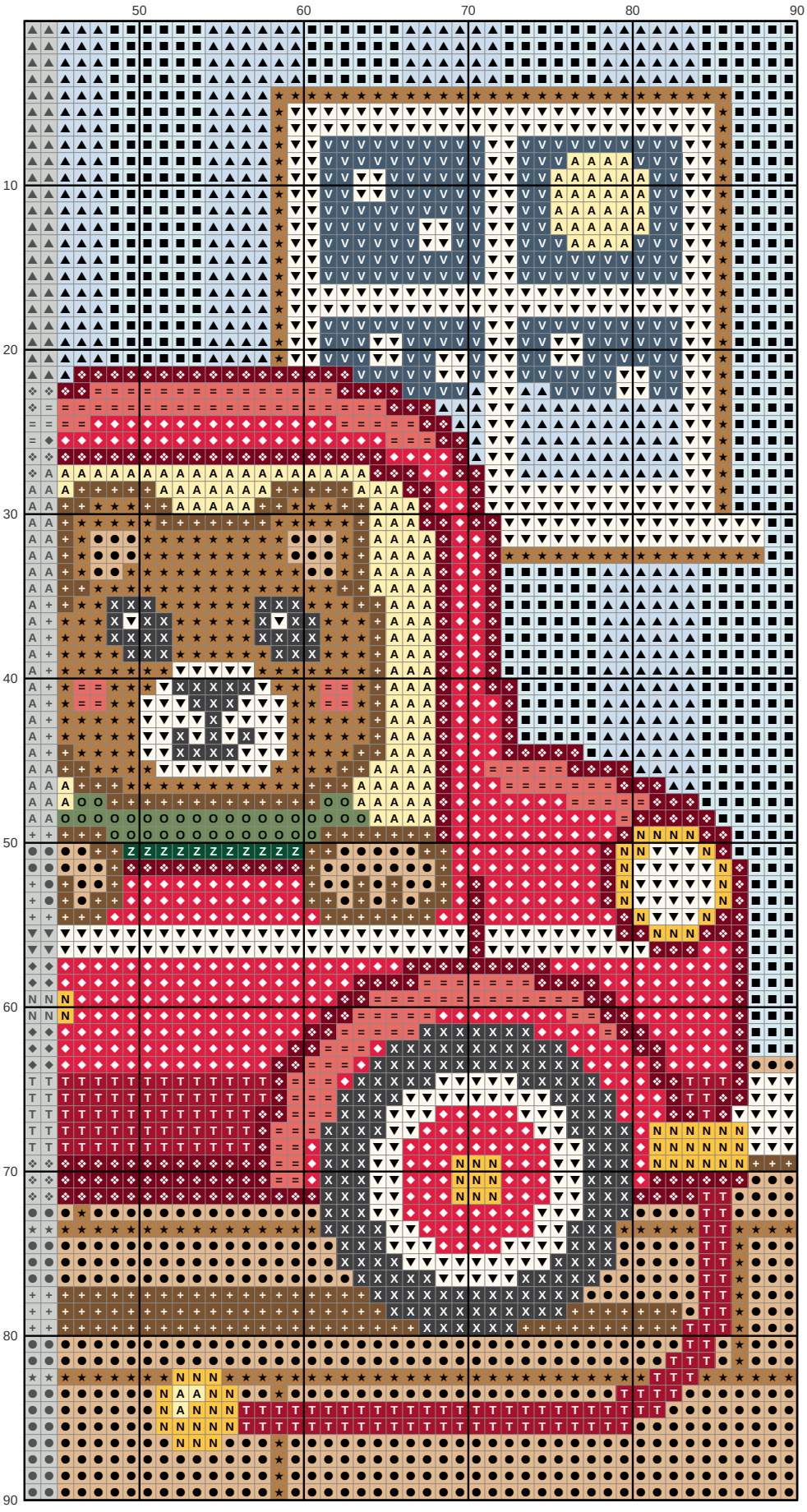
Chart 2 of 2: columns 46 to 90, rows 1 to 90. Gray squares repeat columns 44 and 45: do not stitch them twice



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