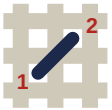
Whimsical three French hens

Needlepoint pattern | 90 x 126 stitches | 5 x 7 in (12.7 x 17.8 cm) on 18 mesh | 20 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 63 (DMC 783): 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. When it is done, block it square.

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 in wide x 11 in high (22.9 x 27.9 cm).

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

Thread: six-strand floss, 20 colors, about 23 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Frame it: acid-free board and a frame.
How to frame needlepoint.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	3809	Very Dark Turquoise	3,646	3
■	BLANC	White	1,629	2
▲	3799	Very Dark Pewter Gray	998	1
◆	3752	Very Light Antique Blue	865	1
▼	317	Pewter Gray	622	1
★	3827	Pale Golden Brown	473	1
❖	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	440	1
X	301	Medium Mahogany	419	1
H	3776	Light Mahogany	418	1
+	300	Very Dark Mahogany	370	1
=	321	Red	307	1
Z	598	Light Turquoise	254	1
A	742	Light Tangerine	244	1
V	435	Very Light Brown	205	1
T	783	Medium Topaz	98	1
N	471	Very Light Avocado Green	96	1
S	3347	Medium Yellow Green	76	1
K	815	Medium Garnet	61	1
E	3822	Light Straw	60	1
C	3345	Dark Hunter Green	59	1

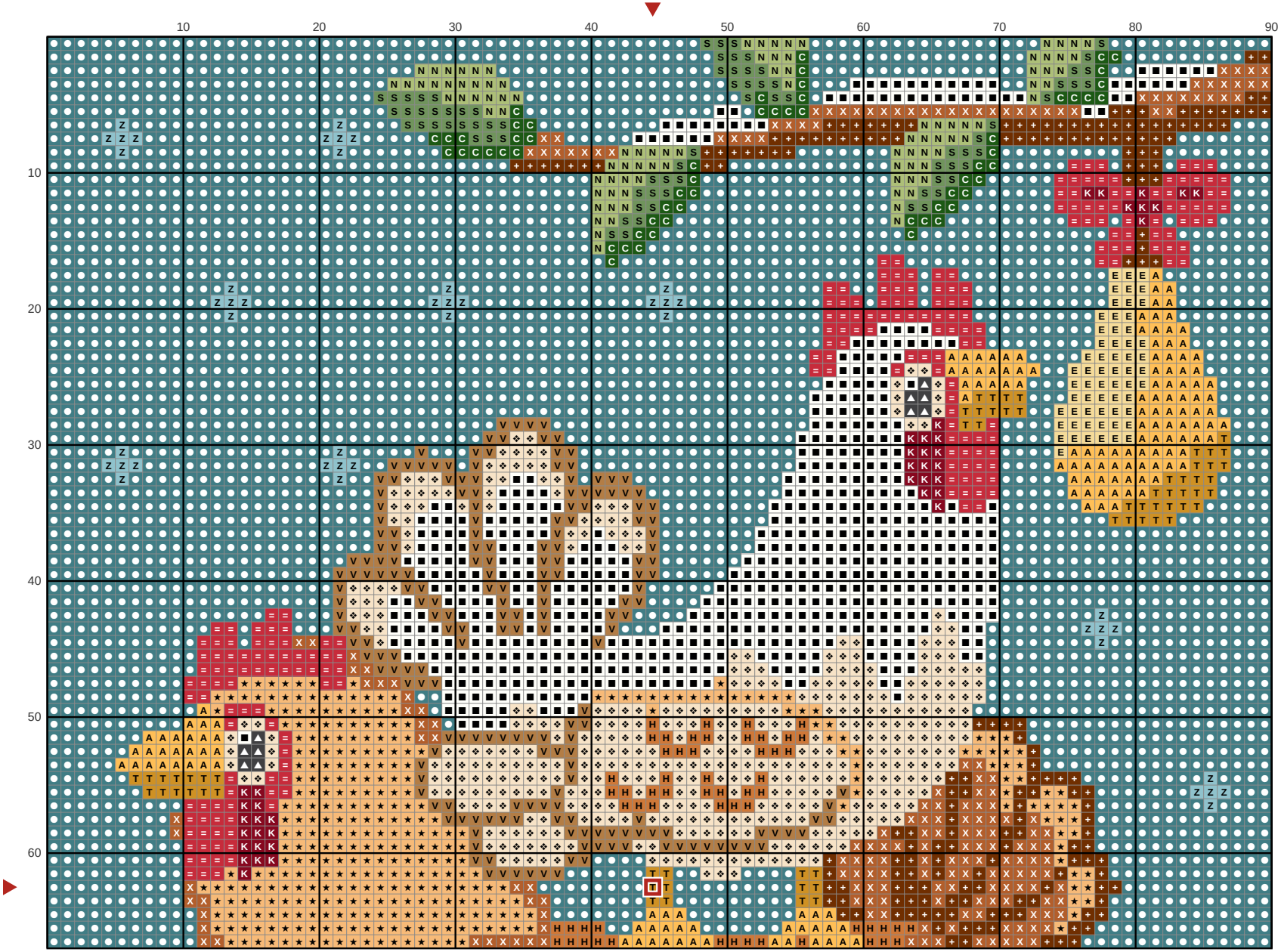
Skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.
Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.
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Needlepoint pattern

Columns 1 to 90, rows 1 to 67. Start at the red outline

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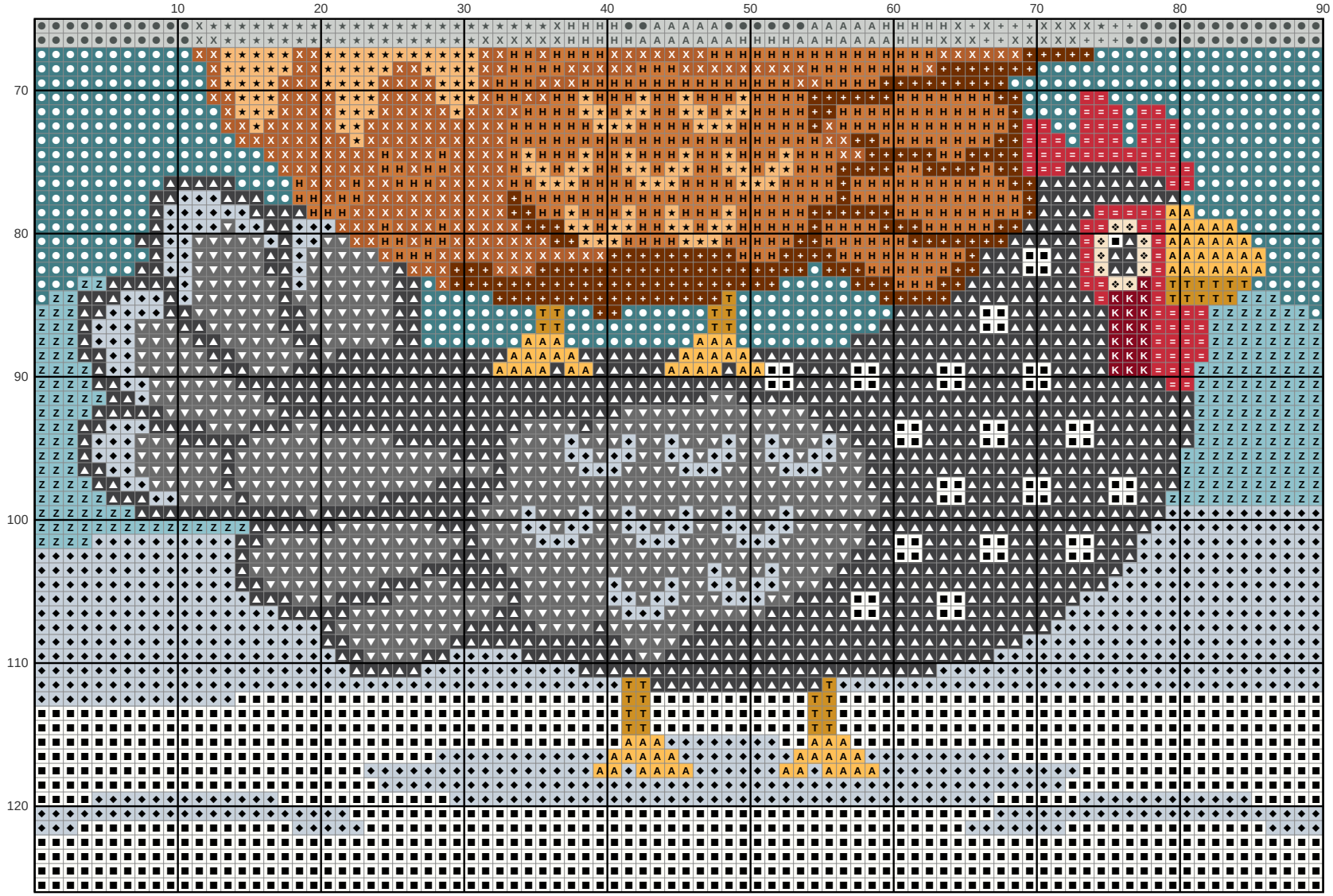
- DMC 3809 — Very Dark Turquoise
- DMC BLANC — White
- DMC 3799 — Very Dark Pewter Gray
- DMC 3827 — Pale Golden Brown
- DMC 739 — Ultra Very Light Tan
- DMC 301 — Medium Mahogany
- DMC 3776 — Light Mahogany
- DMC 300 — Very Dark Mahogany
- DMC 321 — Red
- DMC 598 — Light Turquoise
- DMC 742 — Light Tangerine
- DMC 435 — Very Light Brown
- DMC 783 — Medium Topaz
- DMC 471 — Very Light Avocado Green
- DMC 3347 — Medium Yellow Green
- DMC 815 — Medium Garnet
- DMC 3822 — Light Straw
- DMC 3345 — Dark Hunter Green

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Needlepoint pattern

Columns 1 to 90, rows 68 to 126. Gray squares: charted already, do not stitch again

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Key

- **DMC 3809** Very Dark Turquoise
- **DMC BLANC** White
- **DMC 3799** Very Dark Pewter Gray
- **DMC 3752** Very Light Antique Blue
- **DMC 317** Pewter Gray
- **DMC 3827** Pale Golden Brown
- **DMC 739** Ultra Very Light Tan
- **DMC 301** Medium Mahogany
- **DMC 3776** Light Mahogany
- **DMC 300** Very Dark Mahogany
- **DMC 321** Red
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