

Beautiful lantern in spring flowers

Cross stitch chart

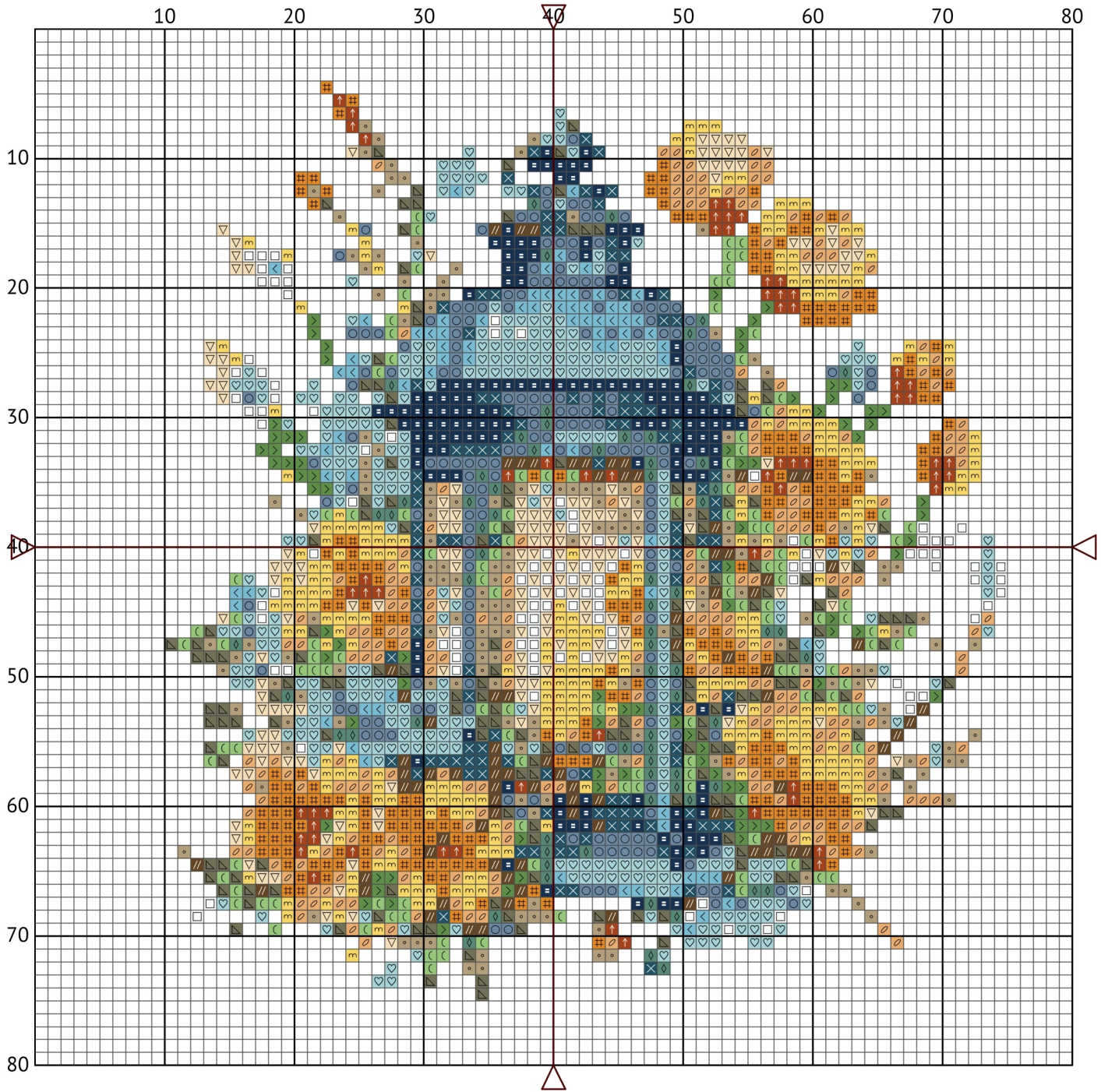


Design size: 80 x 80 stitches

- Aida 14 count; use 2 or 3 strands of thread for cross stitch;
- 6 inch width x 6 inch height (16 cm W x 16 cm H);
- 17 colors DMC.

Don't forget to add 6-7 cm on all sides to be able to easily fix the canvas and later to be able to frame it.

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Instructions

Print your pattern. We like to use a pen to mark all the completed stitches.

Split your floss: embroidery floss is usually sold in skeins with 6 strands that you can easily split. If you stitch on Aida 14 count fabric, you will get the most beautiful result when using 2 or 3 strands of floss.

Start in the middle of your fabric: when you start cross stitching in the centre of your fabric you ensure you have plenty of room for your pattern. Embroidery floss tends to get twisted as you stitch. Every once in a while, let your needle hang freely to let the thread unwind.

Aim for an even tension on your stitches. Don't pull too hard as they will warp the fabric, and don't leave them to loose so they will look sloppy. The stitches should lie flat against the fabric without pulling against it.

On the backside of your project, avoid making long jumps because they might show through the openings on the front.

Be consistent in your stitching, so the first line of your cross always leaning in the same way: „//” or „\\”.

When you are finished embroidering, iron the back of your work with steam. Cut off any excess fabric. You can frame it, fix it in an embroidery ring or use as application.

Floss list for crosses:

N	Symbol	Number	Name	Stitches
1		 DMC 747	Sky Blue - Very Light	338
2		 DMC 744	Yellow - Pale	283
3		 DMC 783	Topaz - Medium	249
4		 DMC 3856	Mahogany - Ultra Very Light	246
5		 DMC 932	Antique Blue - Light	210
6		 DMC 951	Tawny - Light	174
7		 DMC 3782	Mocha Brown - Light	173
8		 DMC 646	Beaver Gray - Dark	169
9		 DMC 3750	Antique Blue - Very Dark	159
10		 DMC 164	Forest Green - Light	127
11		 DMC 3809	Turquoise - Very Dark	123
12		 DMC B5200	Snow White	107
13		 DMC 610	Drab Brown - Dark	87
14		 DMC 989	Forest Green	82
15		 DMC 3766	Peacock Blue - Light	78
16		 DMC 503	Blue Green - Medium	71
17		 DMC 301	Mahogany - Medium	62