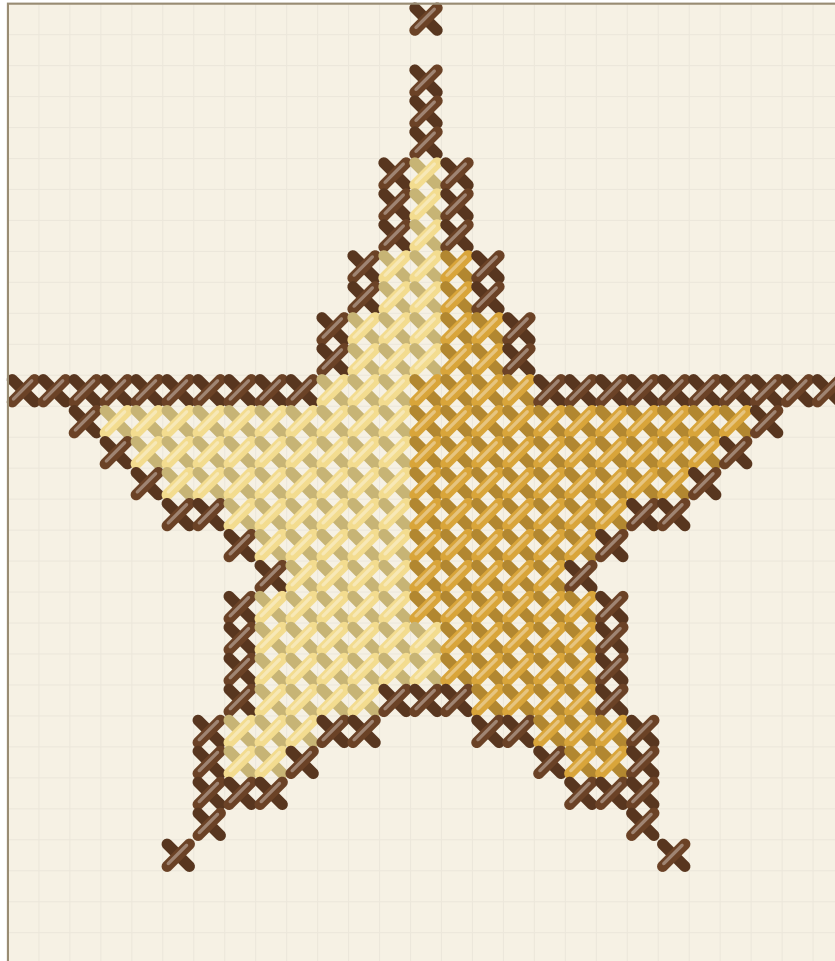


Free Sample: Gold Star

One design from Christmas Ornament Mini Charts



27 × 31 stitches · 3 colours · 250 stitches

14 ct: 1.9 × 2.2 in (4.9 × 5.6 cm)

16 ct: 1.7 × 1.9 in (4.3 × 4.9 cm)

18 ct: 1.5 × 1.7 in (3.8 × 4.4 cm)

Counted cross stitch · digital PDF pattern · beginner and intermediate stitchers

Free sample: a whole pattern, with the same charts and floss key as the paid set

Finished size

Aida count	Stitch area	Width × height (in)	Width × height (cm)	Suggested fabric (cut size)
14 count	27 × 31	1.9 × 2.2 in	4.9 × 5.6 cm	8 × 9 in (21 × 21 cm)
16 count	27 × 31	1.7 × 1.9 in	4.3 × 4.9 cm	8 × 8 in (20 × 21 cm)
18 count	27 × 31	1.5 × 1.7 in	3.8 × 4.4 cm	8 × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)

What you need

Aida fabric in 14, 16 or 18 count (bigger squares = easier to see; 14 count is best for a first project). Six-strand cotton floss in the colours on the floss key. A size 24 tapestry needle (size 26 for 18 count), small scissors, and an embroidery hoop or scroll frame if you like to keep the fabric taut.

Prepare

Cut the fabric so there are at least 3 in (7.5 cm) of spare fabric on every side (the key table lists a cut size). Oversew or tape the edges so they do not fray. Fold the fabric in half and in half again; the creases cross at the centre. The chart's centre is marked by the red arrows on the margins of every chart page.

Read the chart

Each square on the chart is one cross stitch. Dark lines every 10 squares match the 10-stitch counts printed on the margin, so you can count from the centre. The colour chart shows what each colour looks like; the black-and-white symbol chart prints clearly and is the best one to stitch from. On the symbol chart the grey bands are overlap: those rows or columns also appear on the neighbouring page. The page map shows how the pages fit together.

Make a stitch

Separate the floss strands and use 2 strands (a single length about 18 in / 45 cm long). Bring the needle up at the bottom-left corner of a square and down at the top-right to make a diagonal; then come up at the bottom-right and go down at the top-left to complete the X. Every top stitch should slant the same way. For a row of one colour, work half-crosses along the row and then return to complete them. Do not knot the back; weave the tail under the stitches on the back instead.

Work from the centre

Start at the centre mark and stitch outward, one colour area at a time. Count squares often, and keep the back neat by carrying the thread only a short way (about 1/2 in / 1 cm) between nearby stitches; end off and restart for longer gaps because thread can show through light fabric.

Finish

If it looks dirty, wash by hand in cool water with a mild soap, rinse well, roll it in a towel (do not wring), and press it from the back on a soft towel. Then frame it, stitch it into a card, or turn it into an ornament.

Floss key and skein estimates

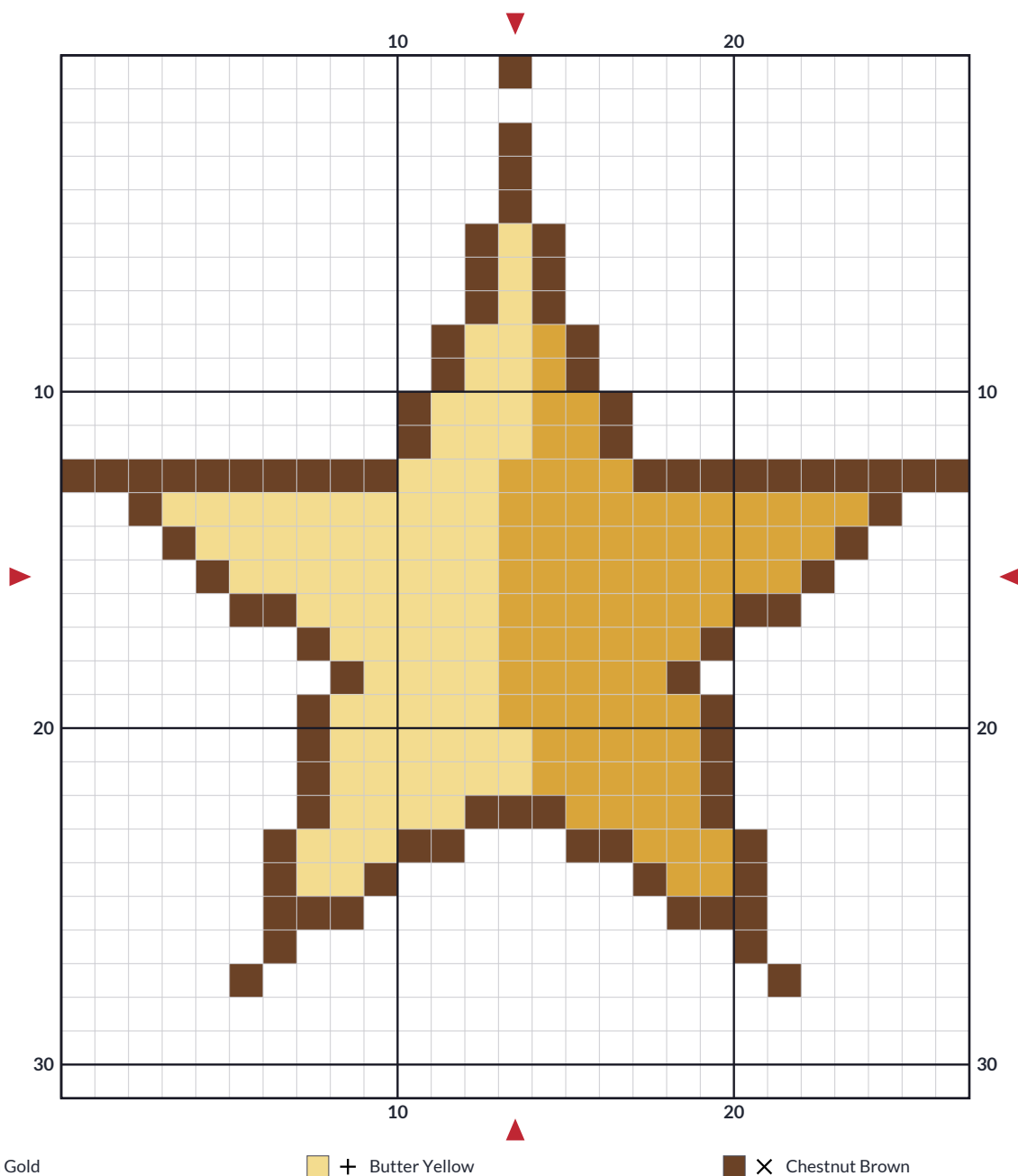
Symbol	Colour (hex)	Thread colour name	Stitches	Skeins 14ct	16ct	18ct
▽	 #D9A53A	Warm Gold	83	0.04	0.03	0.03
+	 #F3DC8F	Butter Yellow	84	0.04	0.03	0.03
×	 #6B4226	Chestnut Brown	83	0.04	0.03	0.03
Total · 3 colours			250	buy 3	buy 3	buy 3

Stitch counts are full cross stitches (backstitch and French knots are not used). Skein columns show fractions of one skein; “buy” totals round each colour up.

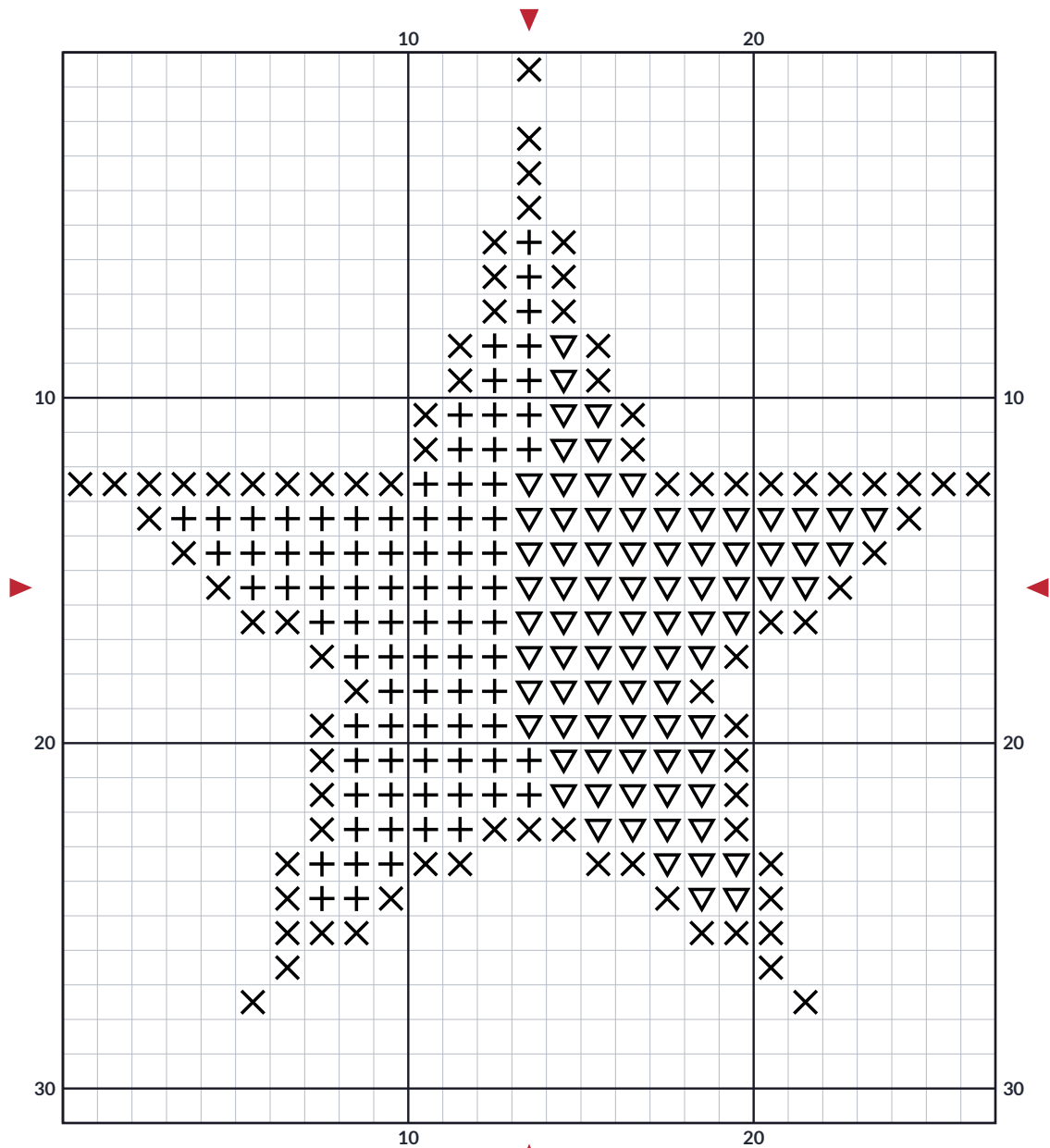
Skein estimates assume: 2 strands of 6-strand floss, one 8 m (8.7 yd) skein, full cross stitches worked with short back travel, plus 30% for thread tails and restarts. Numbers are fractions of a skein; round up and keep a spare for large areas. Stitchers who use 3 strands will need about 1.5× as much.

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One square = one cross stitch. Red arrows mark the centre.



Columns 1–27, rows 1–31. Grey = also on the neighbouring page.

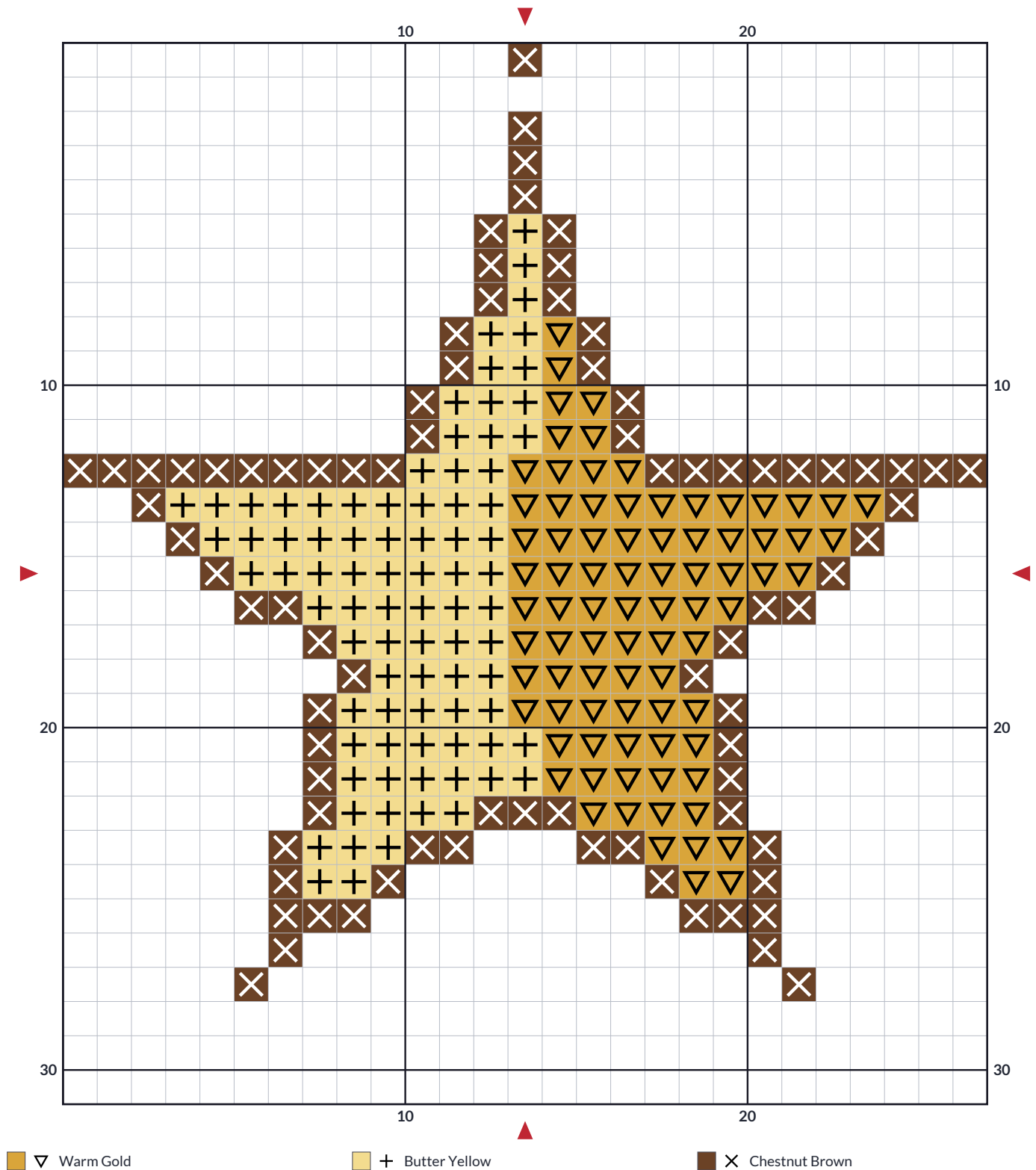


Warm Gold

Butter Yellow

Chestnut Brown

One page, colour + symbol, for a tablet or phone: zoom in (the chart is vector, so it stays sharp).



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