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Four coordinated suicide terrorist attacks were carried out on September 11, 2001 by nineteen Islamic terrorists directed by al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. A total of 2,996 Americans died as a result of those vicious attacks.

Thousands of people had reported for work just as they had done so many other days. Some caught routine flights with their minds on their destinations. None would have imagined the evil they were about to face.

Hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower at 8:46 AM. Seventeen minutes later the South Tower was hit by hijacked United Airlines Flight 175. The 110-story North and South Towers fell within an hour of being struck which caused the collapse of the other World Trade Center buildings and significant damage to surrounding buildings.

At 9:37 AM, American Airlines Flight 77, crashed into the west side of the Pentagon causing a partial collapse of the side of the building and fires. 184 people aged 3 years to 71 years died as a result of that attack.

United Airlines Flight 93 was flown towards Washington, DC with possible target of the US Capitol or the White House. The passengers had learned about the previous attacks during the flight. They attempted to take control of the plane in order to prevent more murders. All of the passenger were killed when it crashed in a field in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania at 10:03 AM.

I was not working that day and was out running errands when I heard that an airplane had crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center and I went directly home. I was stunned and horrified as watched atrocities unfold. I saw the second airplane crash into the South Tower. I held my breath in disbelief, praying that the people would be able to get out.

I saw men and women were running out of the 110-story buildings. Some were holding each other up as they fled. Police and firemen were rushing in to help and many of them died for their courage and compassion. People were jumping to their deaths rather than staying to be burned or crushed. The buildings fell.

The Pentagon was hit next. Fire and smoke could be seen during the evacuation as people helped dig others out using their bare hands and little children were being carried out from the daycare.

This morning as I watched 9-11 memorial services I heard the story of one woman who had been in a conference room meeting when the Pentagon was hit. She was crawling

out through the smoke and debris when she came to a woman who had been in the meeting with her. This second woman was lying on the floor, hurt and unable to go on. The first woman said, "Get up on my back and I'll carry you out." Courage, compassion, unaltered resolve.

The passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 refused to allow the murderers to take more lives. They gave their lives to protect others.

Our cherished democracy was under attack. Our nation is based on the idea that all people were created as equals. We continue to work toward exhibiting the belief behind that idea. Those who believe the opposite cannot abide our freedoms.

On 9-11 and the following days, I could not stop thinking about the contrast between the hands of those who were so filled with hatred that they planned and carried out these atrocities with the hands of those so filled with courage and compassion that they rushed into a catastrophe to help others. I wrote this:

HANDS

Hands to hurt, to murder, to destroy, to maim;

Hands to hold, to help, to heal, to comfort, and to build again.

Choose.

I traced my hand, reduced the tracing, and created this design. I finished mine as a pin and wear it every year on September 11. It could be finished as a needlebook or pin keep. I charted this last night and have reproduced it for the first time today.

I remember vividly the sense of shock and disbelief that I felt September 11, 2001 when we were attacked by Islamic Terrorists. I felt the same shock and disbelief on January 6, 2021 when I watched our Capitol being attacked and police being brutalized by a mob of terrorists for hours once again. These people had been told that the election wasn't fair. They were told to come to Washington DC and march to the Capitol and fight to stop the transition of the government to the newly elected President. They intended to hang the Vice President and murder other members of Congress. Sixty cases of election fraud had been thrown out of court because they had no proof, but these people did not choose to listen. Many of these attackers are in prison now paying for their choice. More will follow.

I felt the same shock and disbelief when Russia attacked the free democratic nation of Ukraine on February 24, 2022. Russian leaders had decided take over Ukraine and have

been destroying the country and murdering its citizens based on trumped up lies. That war continues.

What then? Each of us must choose what to believe and who to follow. Look and listen. Hatred? Lies? Treason? Compassion? Truth? Courage? Freedom? Equal Rights? Democracy? Carefully choose what you will put your hands to.

Size: Each square on the Huswif charts represents ONE linen thread. The charts are 53 squares wide by 68 squares high.

Linen: I used 40 count cream colored linen

Threads: I used 6 Soie d' Alger threads with #041 Silver Accentuate

I used one ply for all stitching

Stitches: Half Cross over One linen thread, Back Stitch for lines in 4116 inside hand

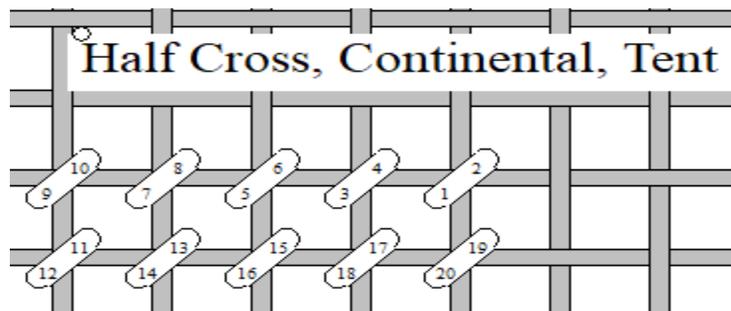
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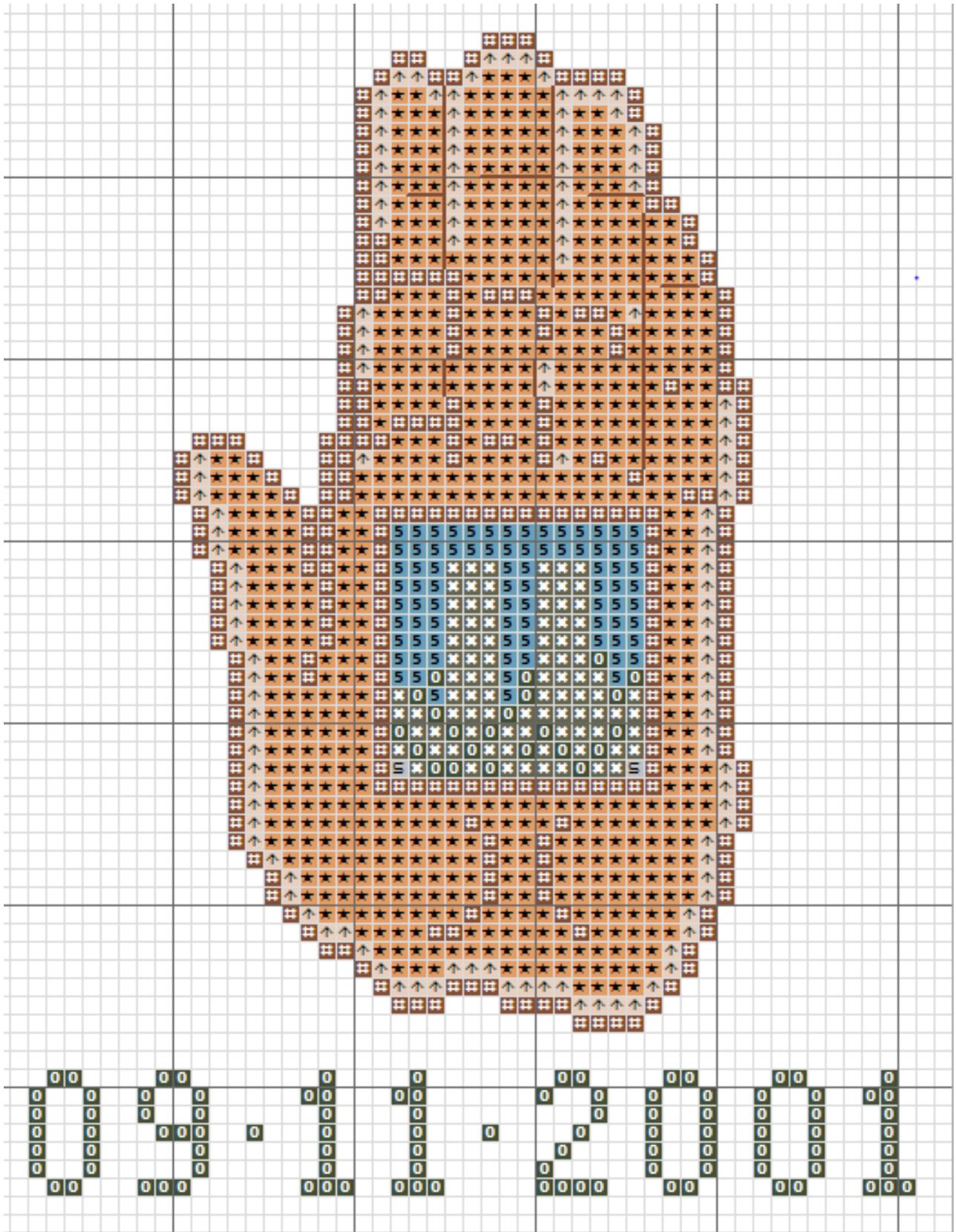
I stitched the World Trade Center Towers in light grey 3843 and then stitched over them using 1 ply of silver Accentuate #041.

The Combined PDF includes Instructions, a Fit To One Page chart and charts with Symbols over Color as well as Black and White charts with Colored lines for the 4116 within the hand.

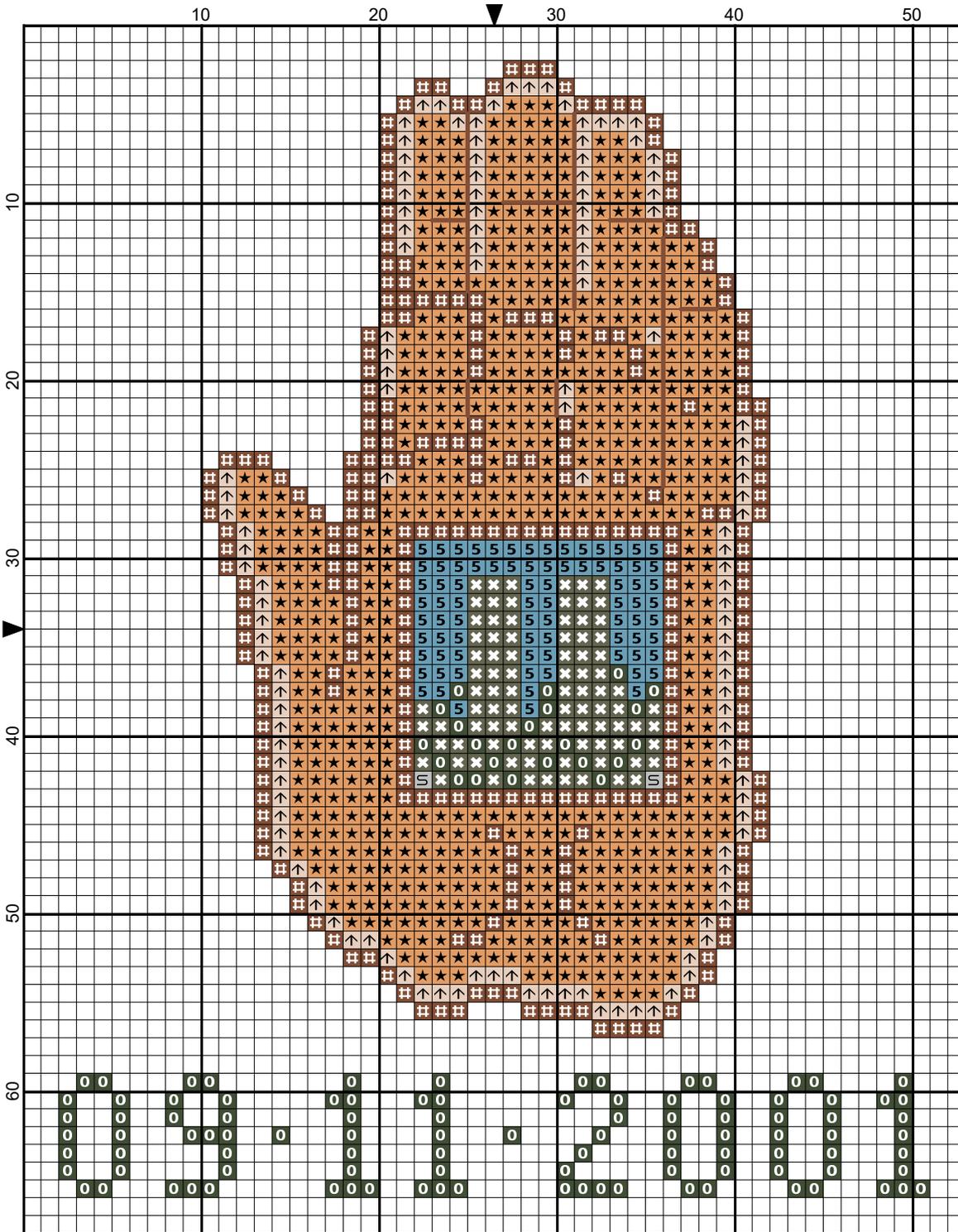
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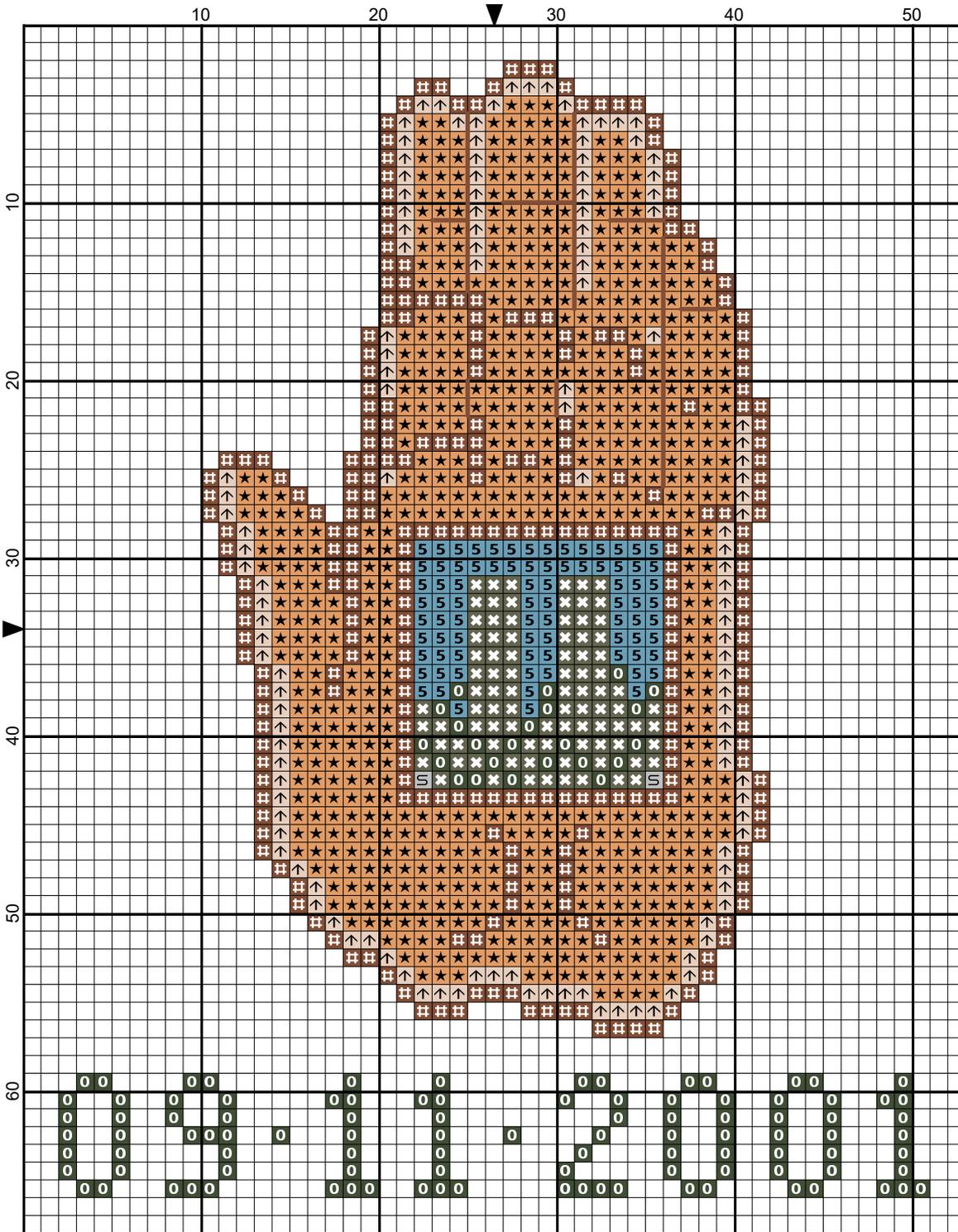
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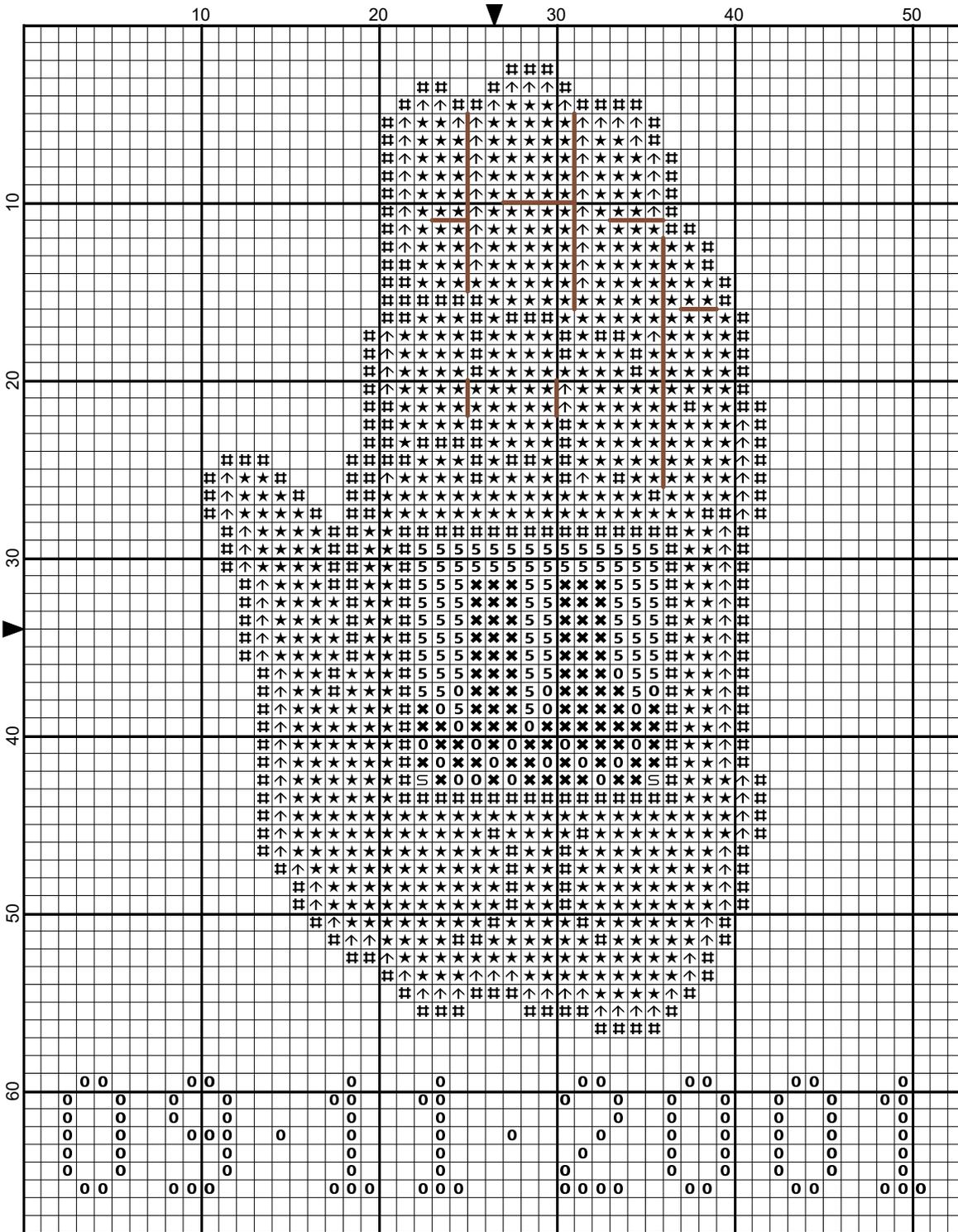
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