

Mermaid sampler

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This sampler is inspired by antique needlework, alphabet booklets and other vintage pieces.

It features a famous quotation accredited to John Adams the 2nd president of the United States.

“Always stand on principle. Even if you stand alone “

There is a space where you can personalize your sampler with the name and date of your choice. An extra chart with an alphabet and numeral is included in the PDF.

Apart for the mermaid, the rest of the sampler is not charted in color, this is done so that you can chose according to your preference, or what you have available in your stash. Variegated threads, hand-dyed floss, metallics or even beads can be used to stitch the alphabets and borders.

Have fun being creative with this beautiful sampler.

Stitches used are: Cross stitch, back stitch, running stitches (also known as Holbein stitch), French knots and petit point.

Recommended to stitch on 28 ct linen, or evenweave.



Design Area: 155 x 272 stitches

If stitched on 28 ct linen/ 14 ct aida the pattern will measure:

11,07" x 19,42" / 28,1 x 49,3 cm

	◉	DMC Cotton 3325
	2	DMC Cotton 3813
	0	DMC Cotton 503
	♥	DMC Cotton 502
	■	DMC Cotton 501
	✕	DMC Cotton 500
	◆	DMC Cotton 726
	♣	DMC Cotton 742
	●	DMC Cotton 721
	┆	DMC Cotton 948
	○	DMC Cotton 754
	☾	DMC Cotton 758
	//	DMC Cotton 437
	♥	DMC Cotton 435
	◆	DMC Cotton 433
	8	DMC Cotton 938
	●	DMC Cotton 317
	■	DMC Cotton 310

Backstitch Lines

DMC Cotton 317 - Fish border
DMC Cotton 310 – Mermaid details.

We suggest stitching this sampler on 28 ct linen with two threads of embroidery floss for the cross stitch and petit point, and one thread for the backstitch.

For the backstitch on the mermaid, use a sharp needle, take your time and only begin once you are finished with the cross stitch and petit point.

Tips

The alphabet would look amazing if stitched in different colors or in variegated threads.

Why not substitute DMC 3325 with DMC variegated 4230.

And DMC 317 with DMC variegated 4240

If you are not comfortable with petit point, you can just stitch in regular cross stitch and pay careful attention when working the backstitch.



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Historic

This pattern is a modern take on the traditional sampler, it has classic features such as antique alphabets, decorative borders and a quotation.

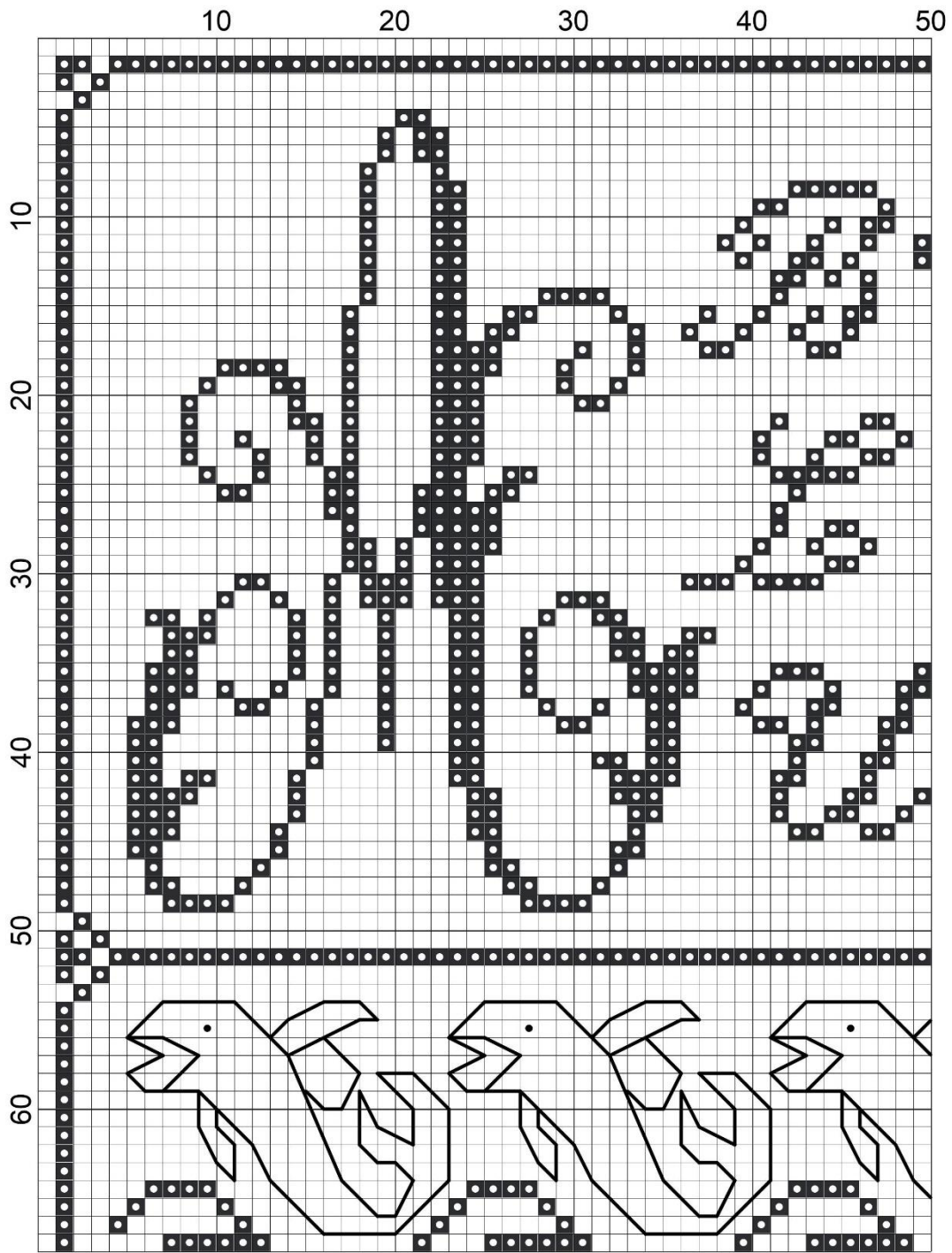
Then quietly sitting on the right hand-side, we have a sweet, pensive little mermaid. She is quietly gazing into the horizon, holding a single flower in her hand and adding just a touch of the whimsical to the design.

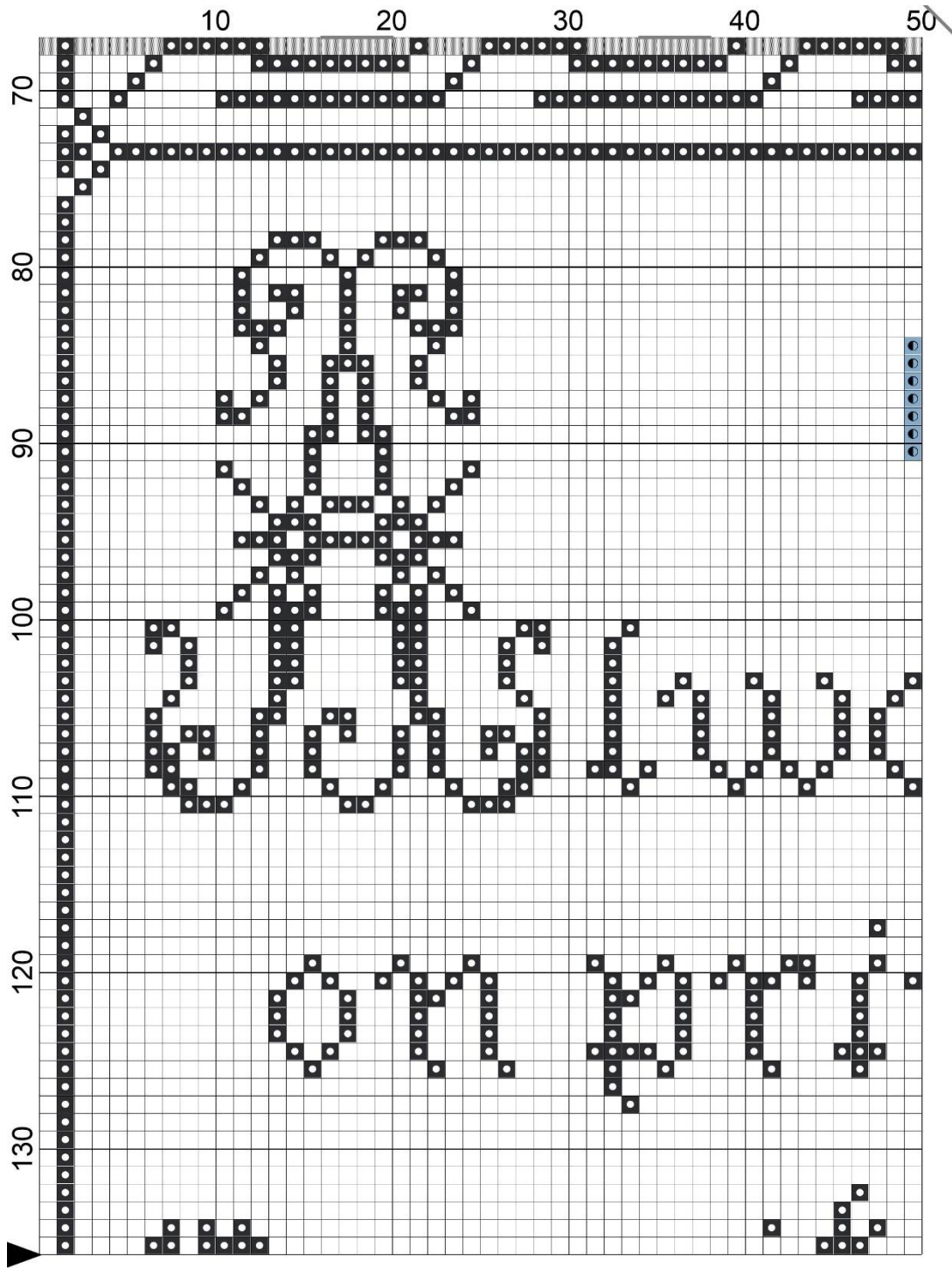


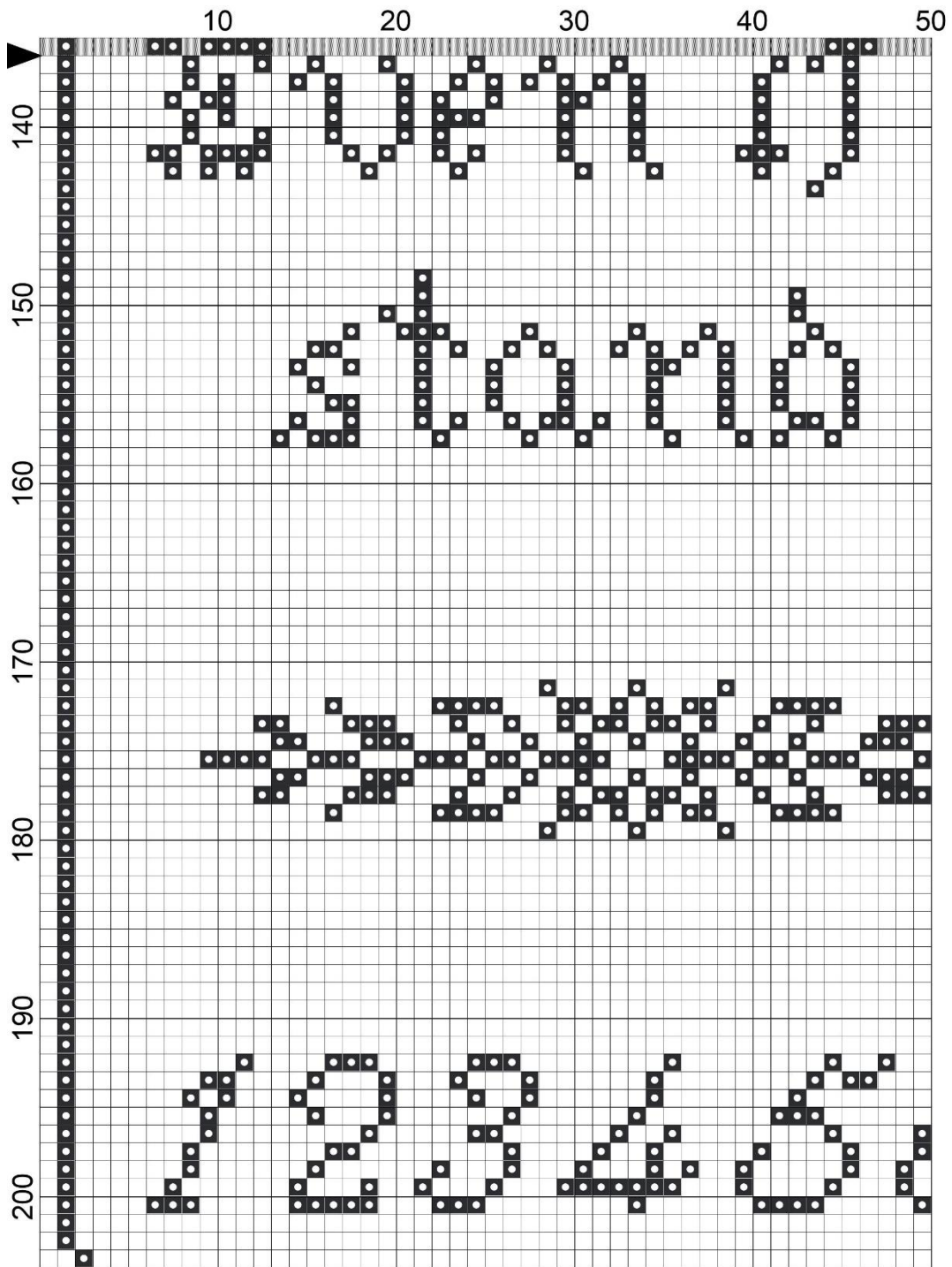
Here you can see the different pieces that were the inspiration for this sampler, from my own sketch to an antique stitched letter, booklets, and pretty DMC embroidery cottons.

As often is the case with older alphabets, the letters 'I', and 'W' were missing from the patterns used for this design. So, I took the creative liberty to supplement the alphabets with the missing letters by adapting them from the others such as 'V' for 'W'.

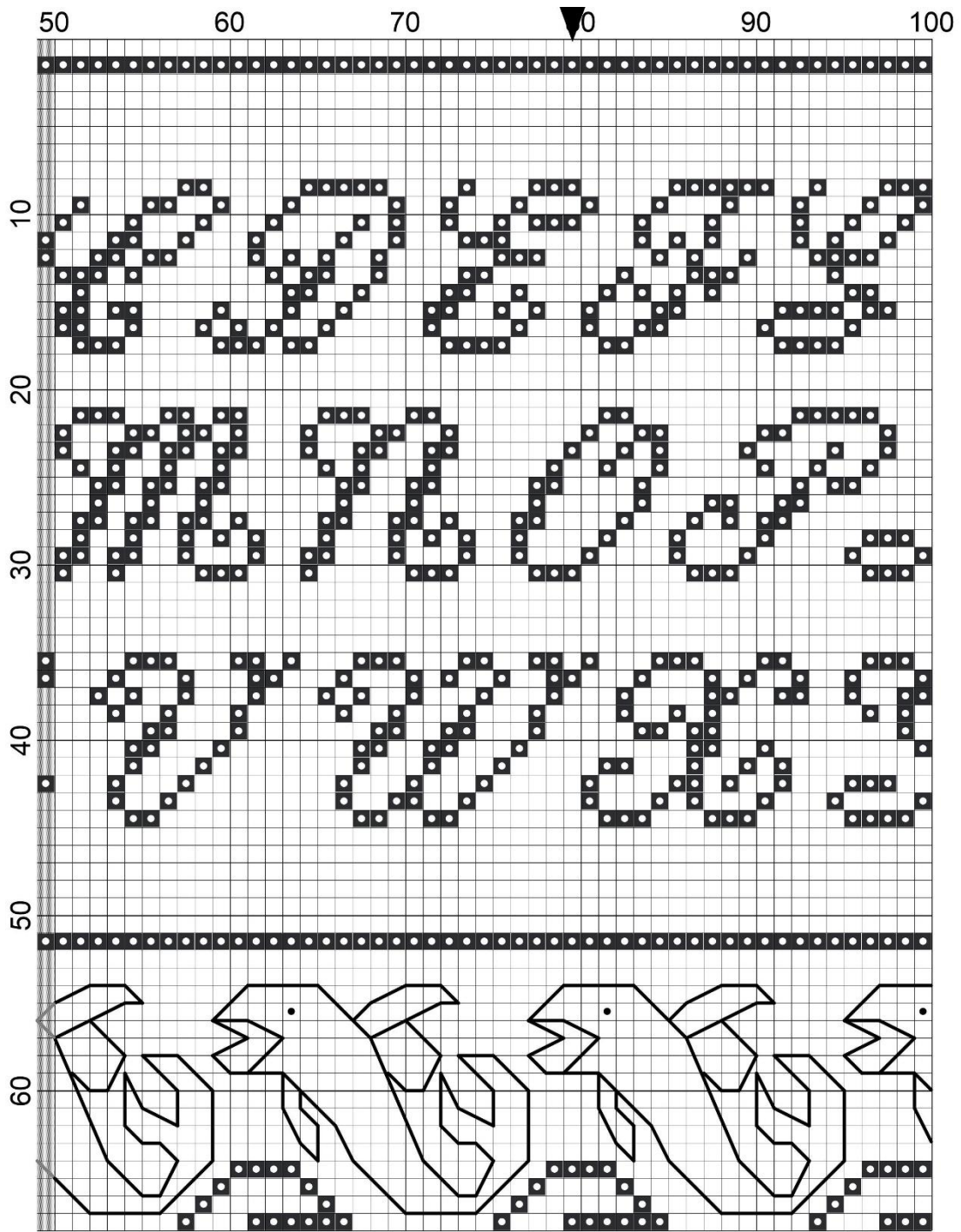


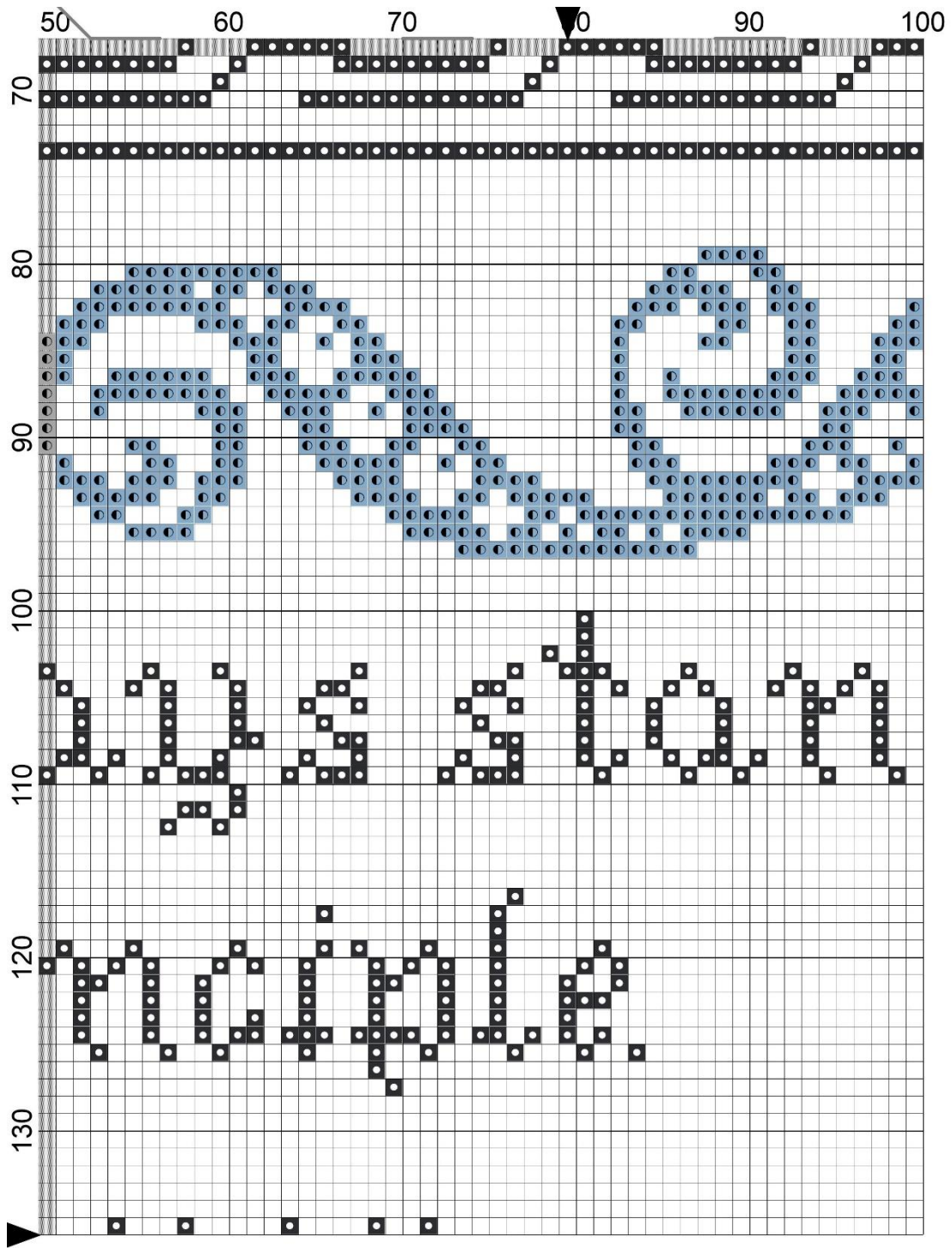


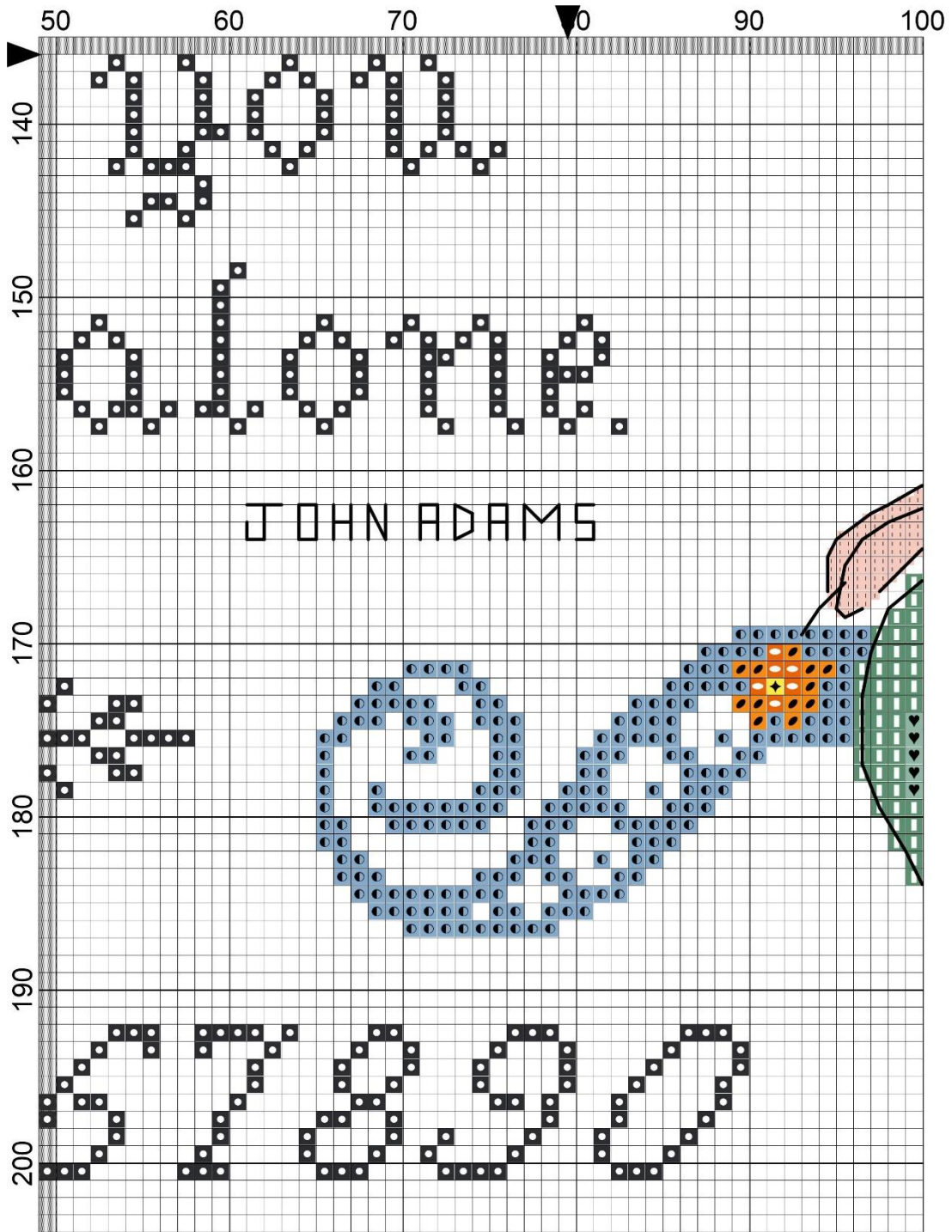


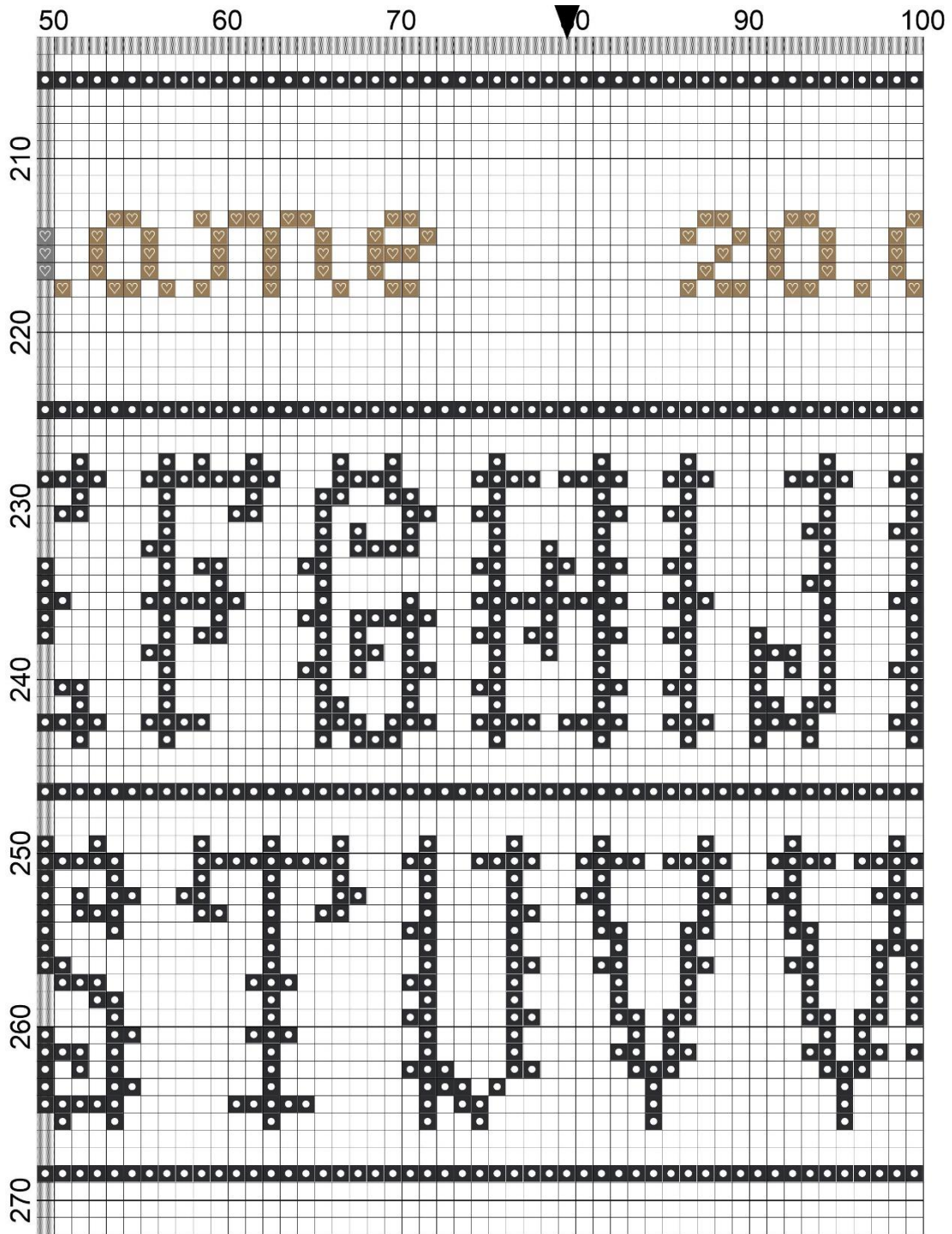


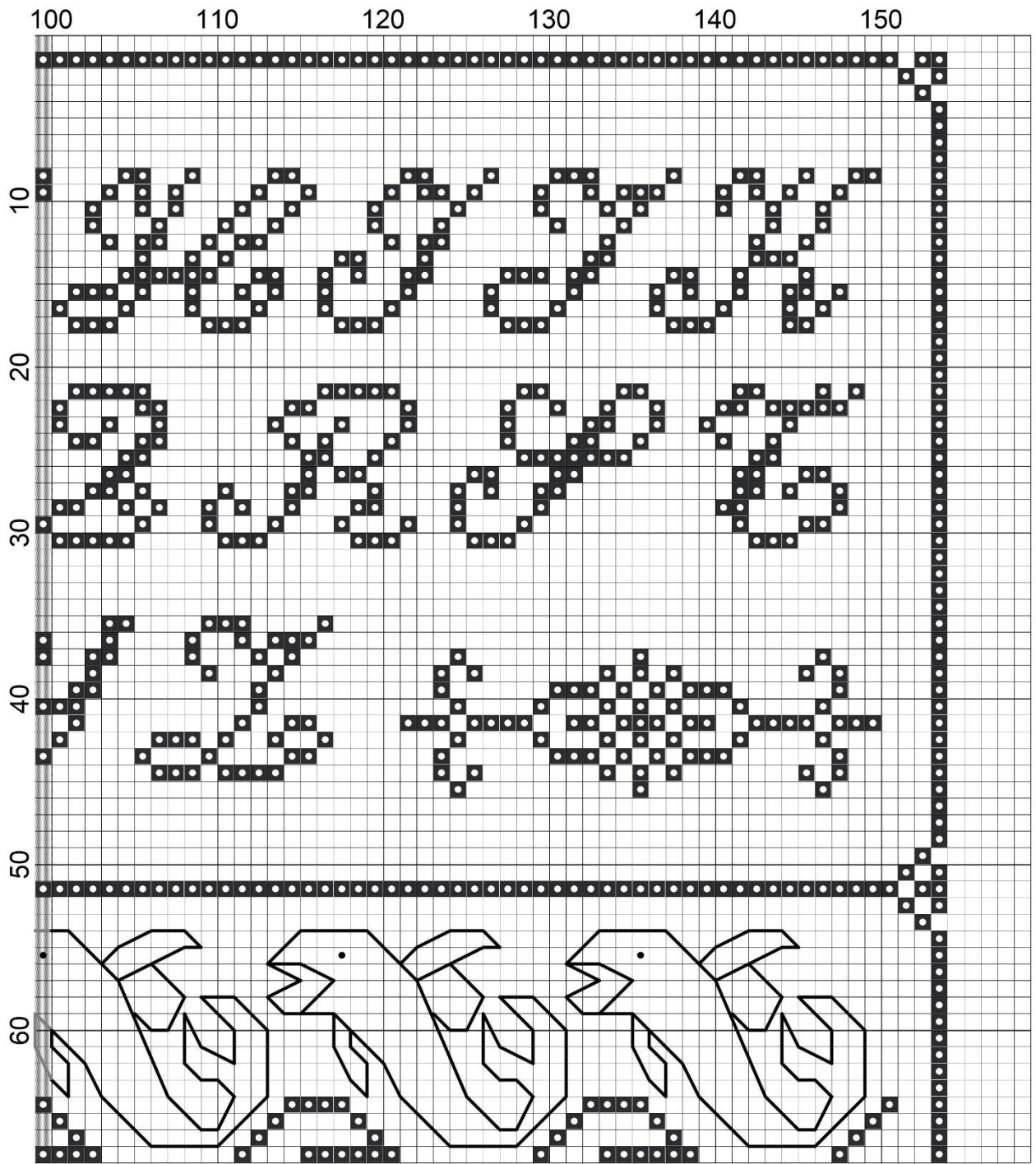


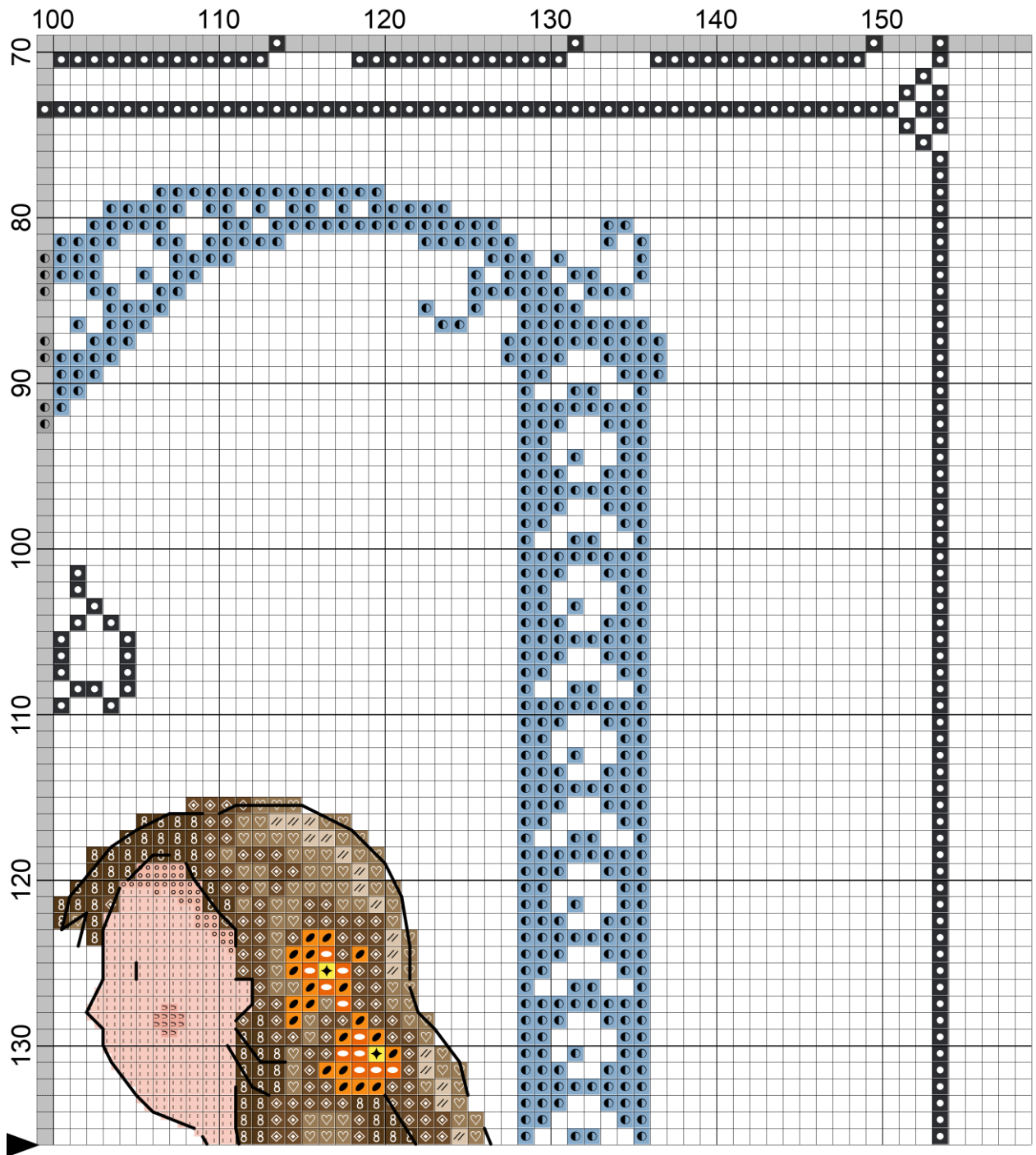


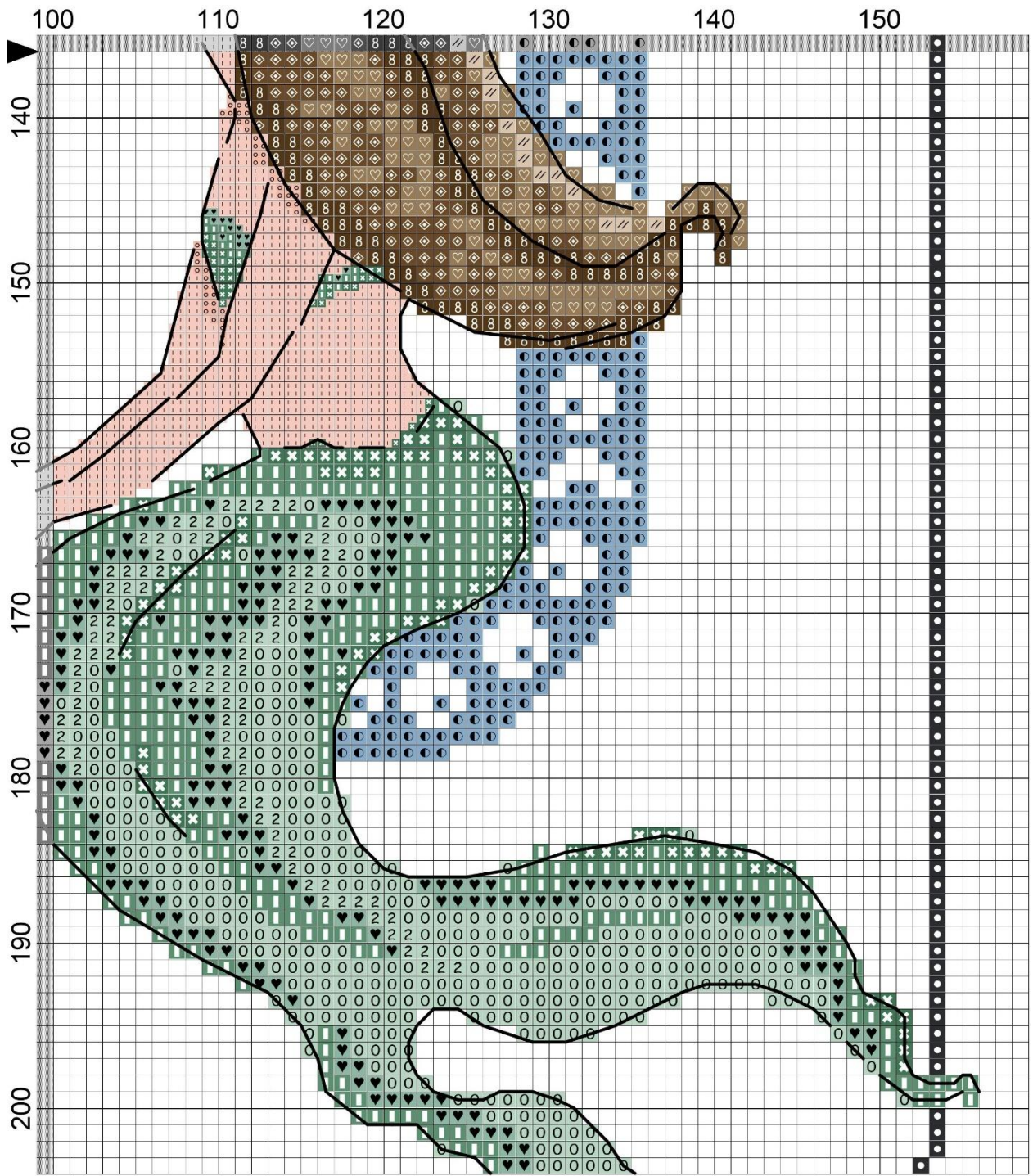




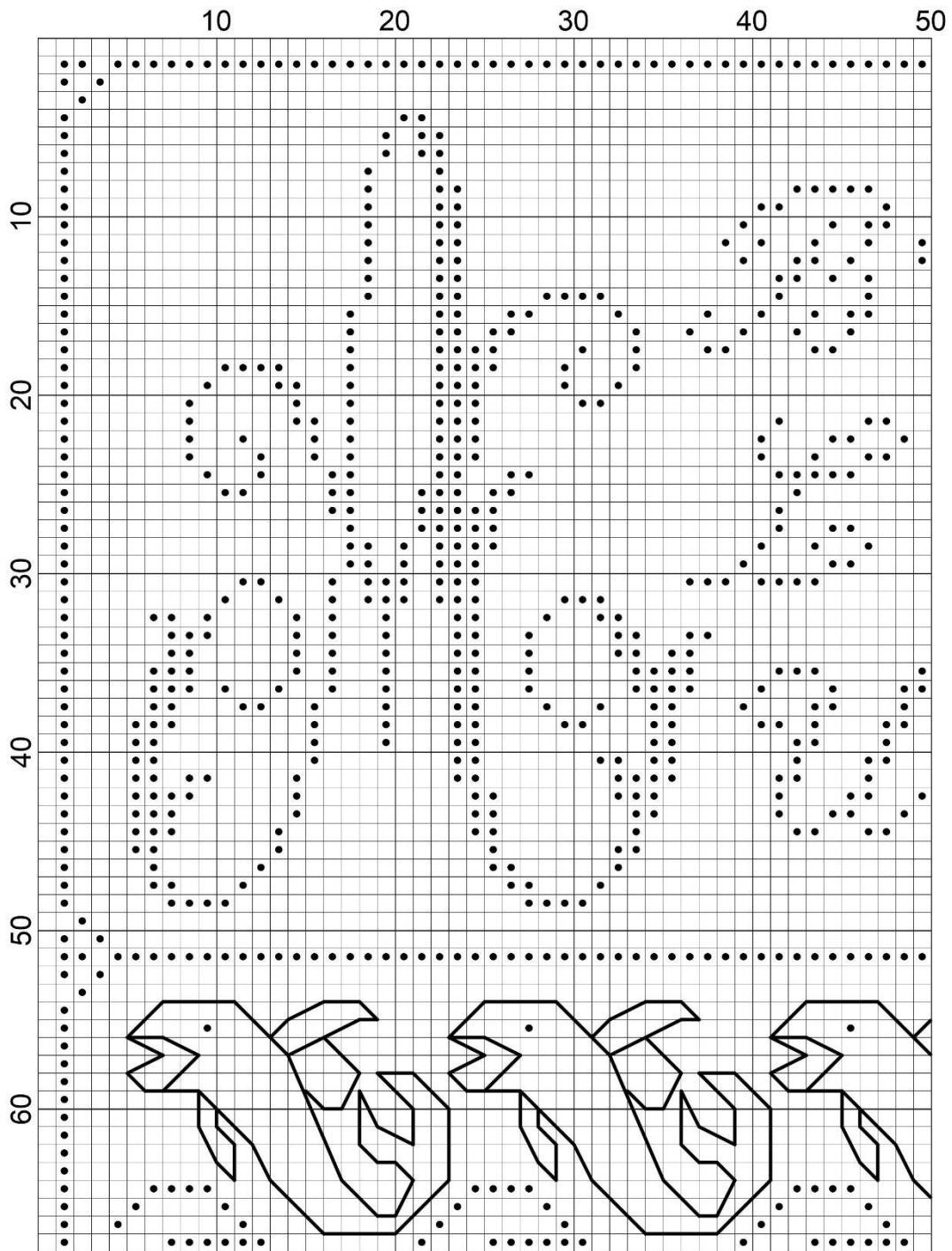


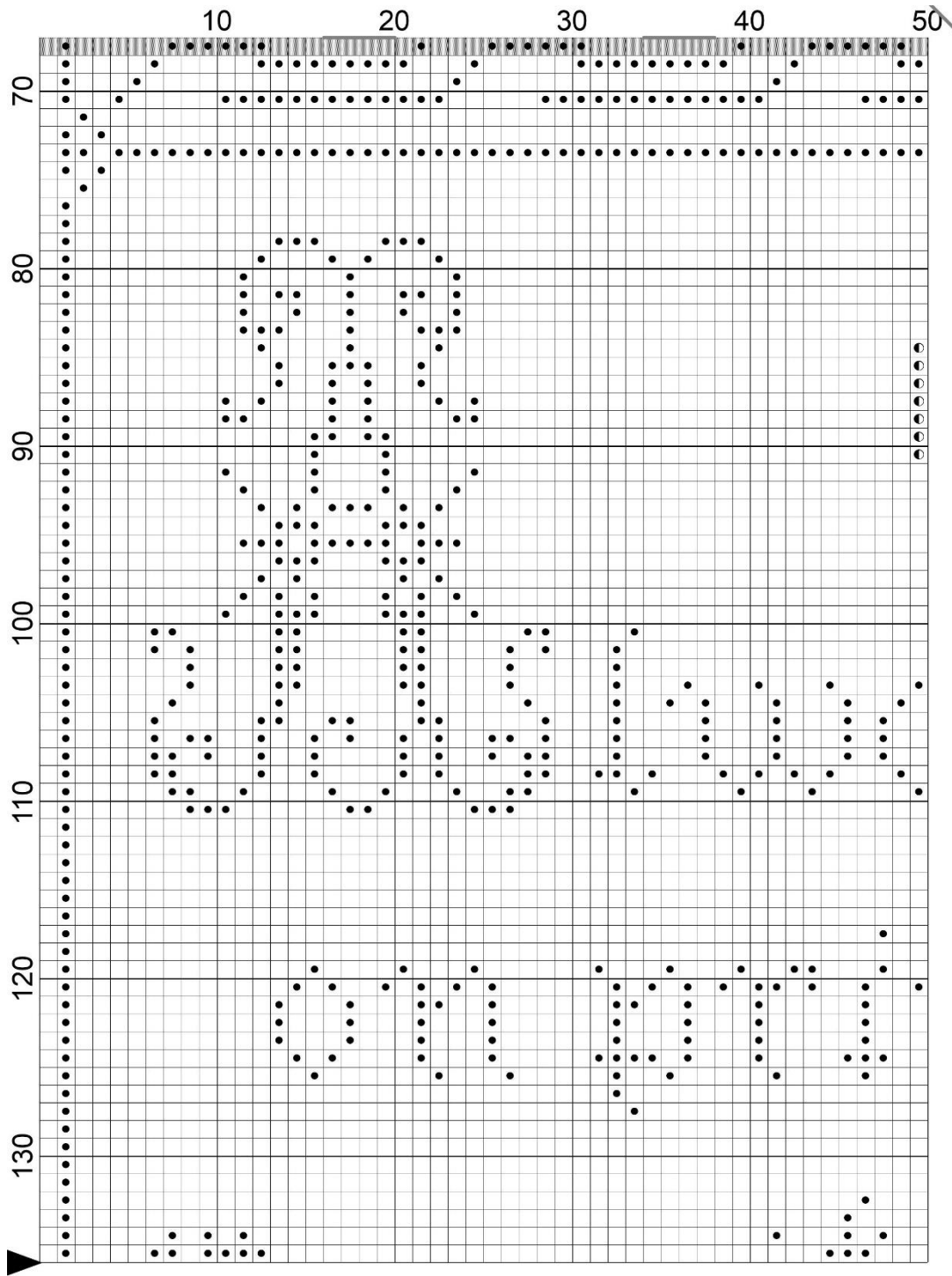


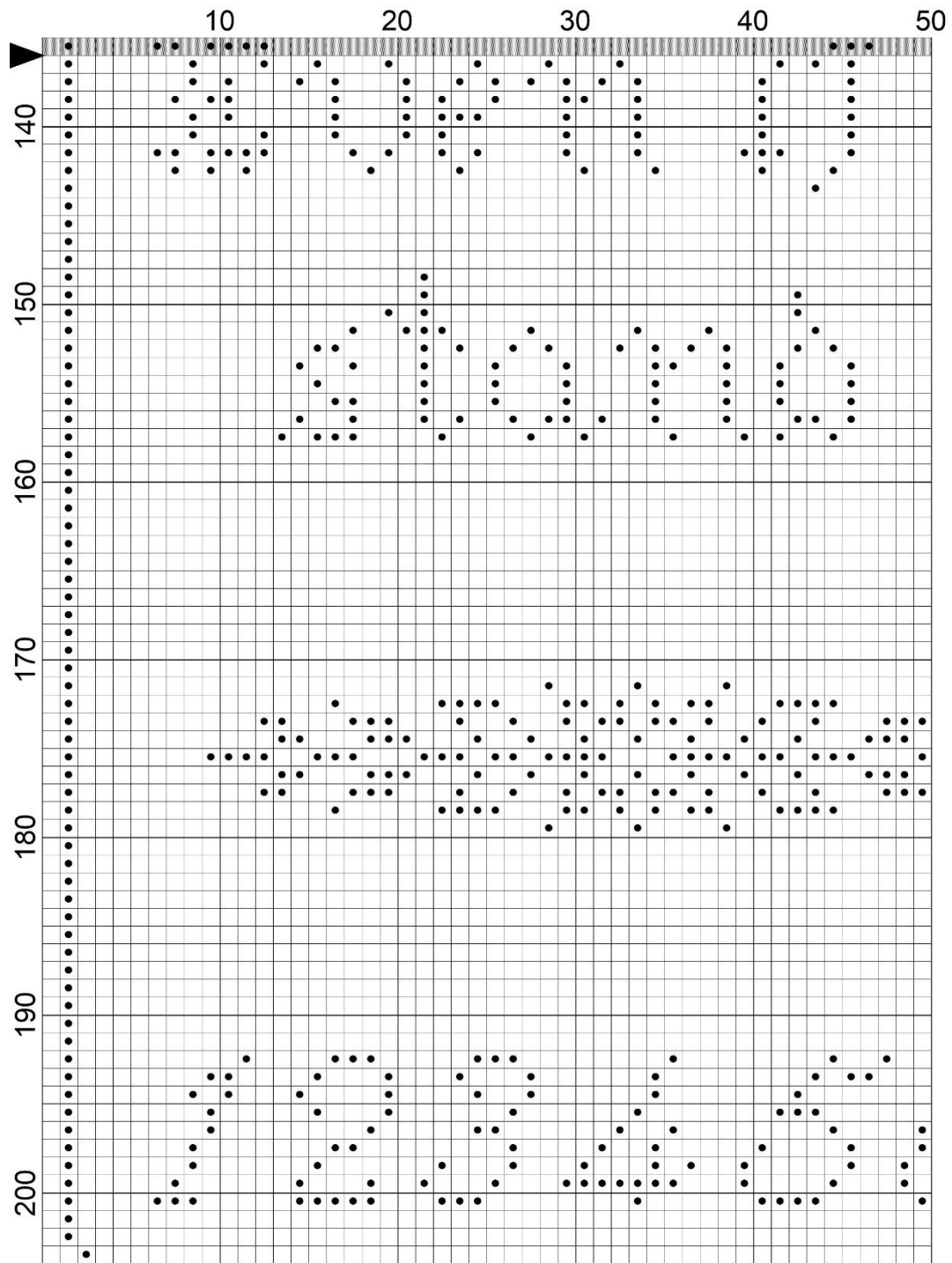


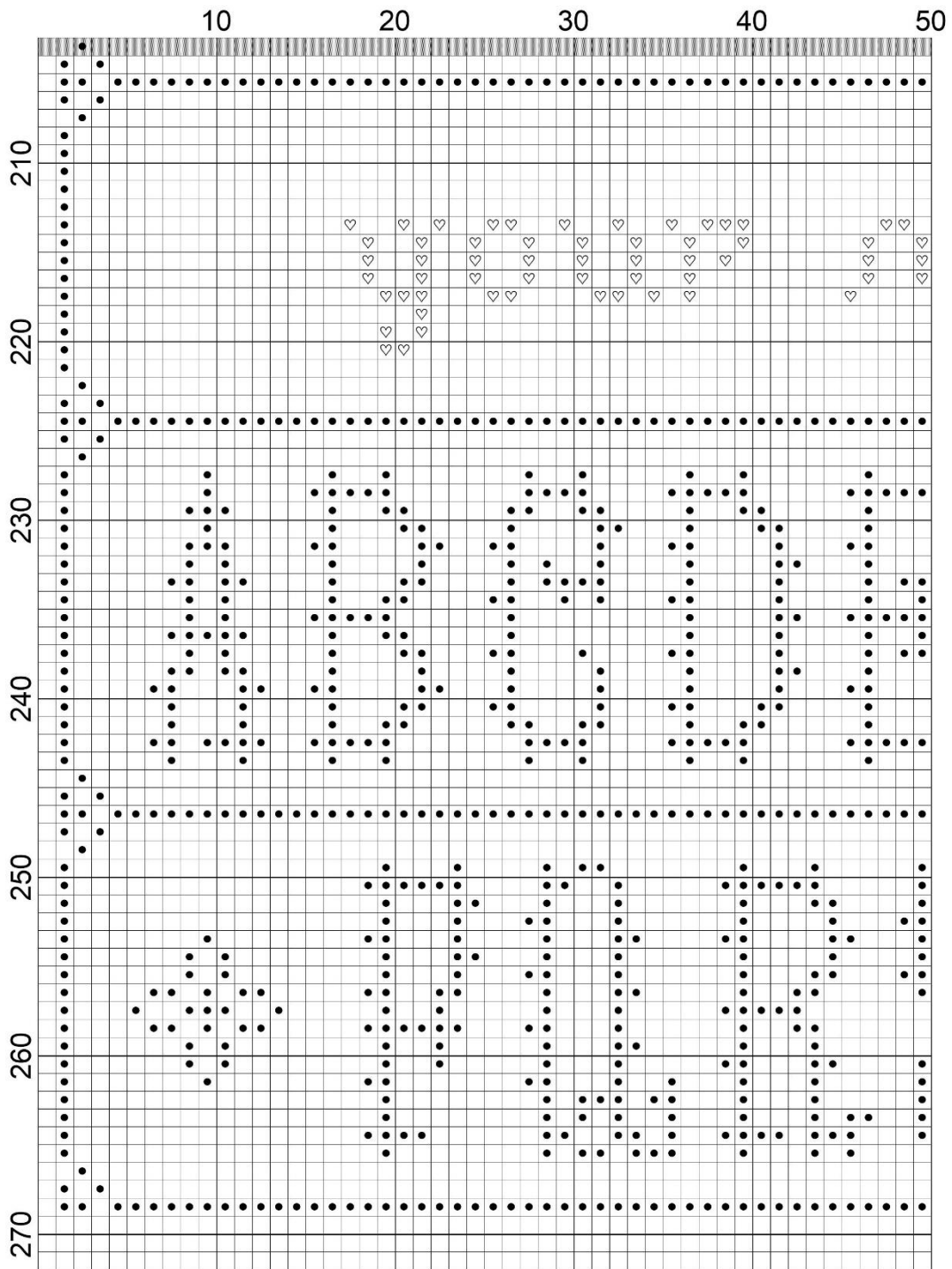


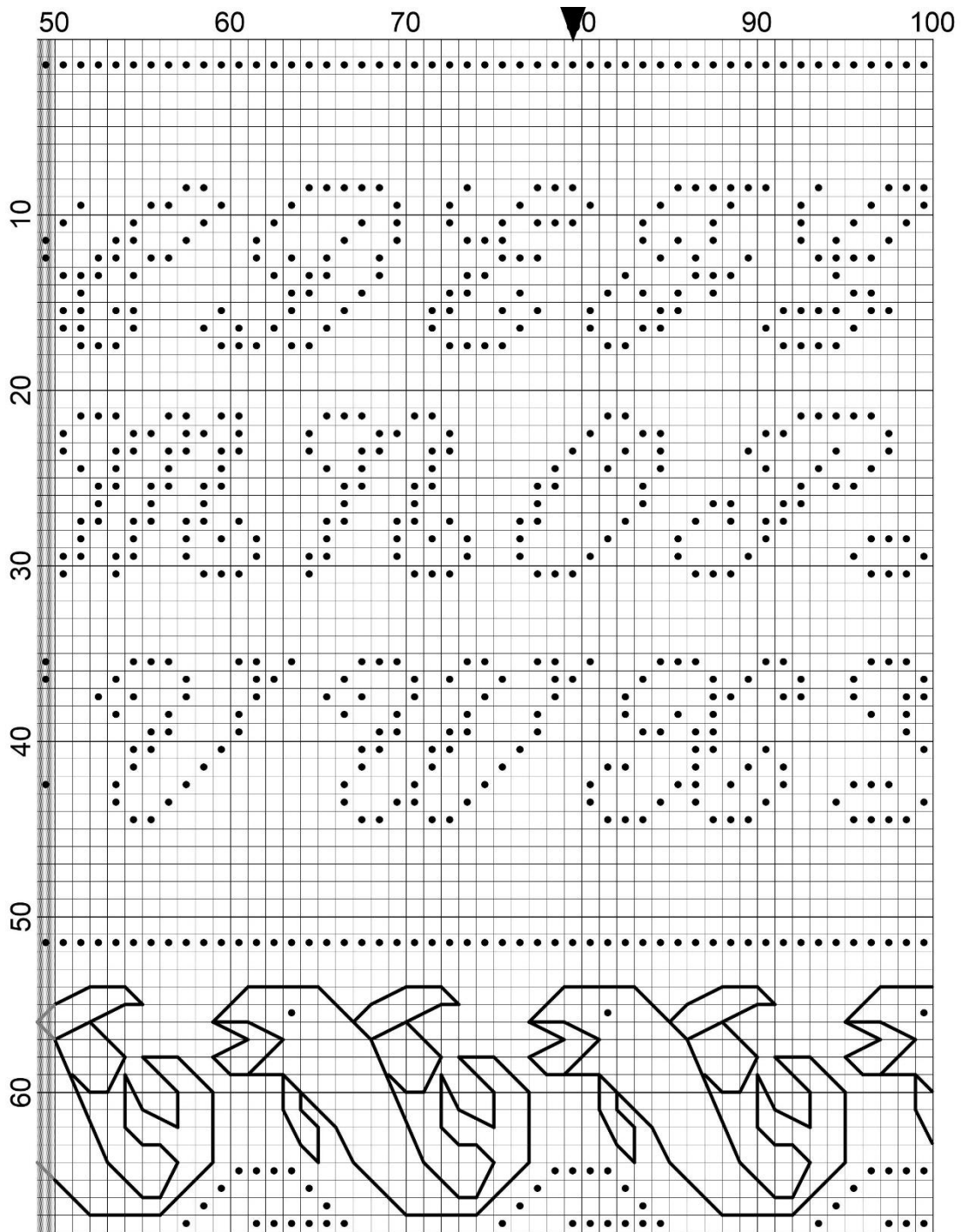


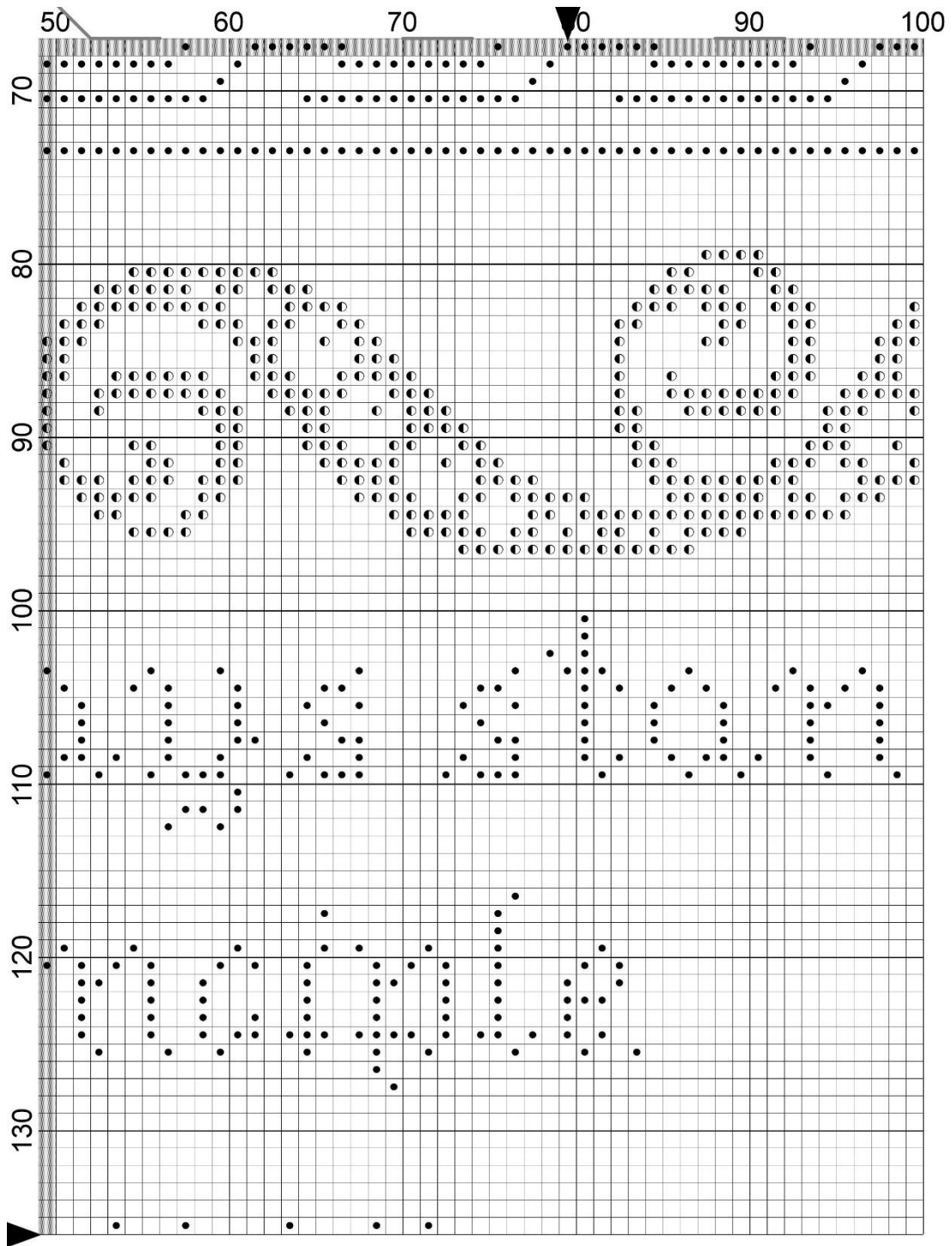


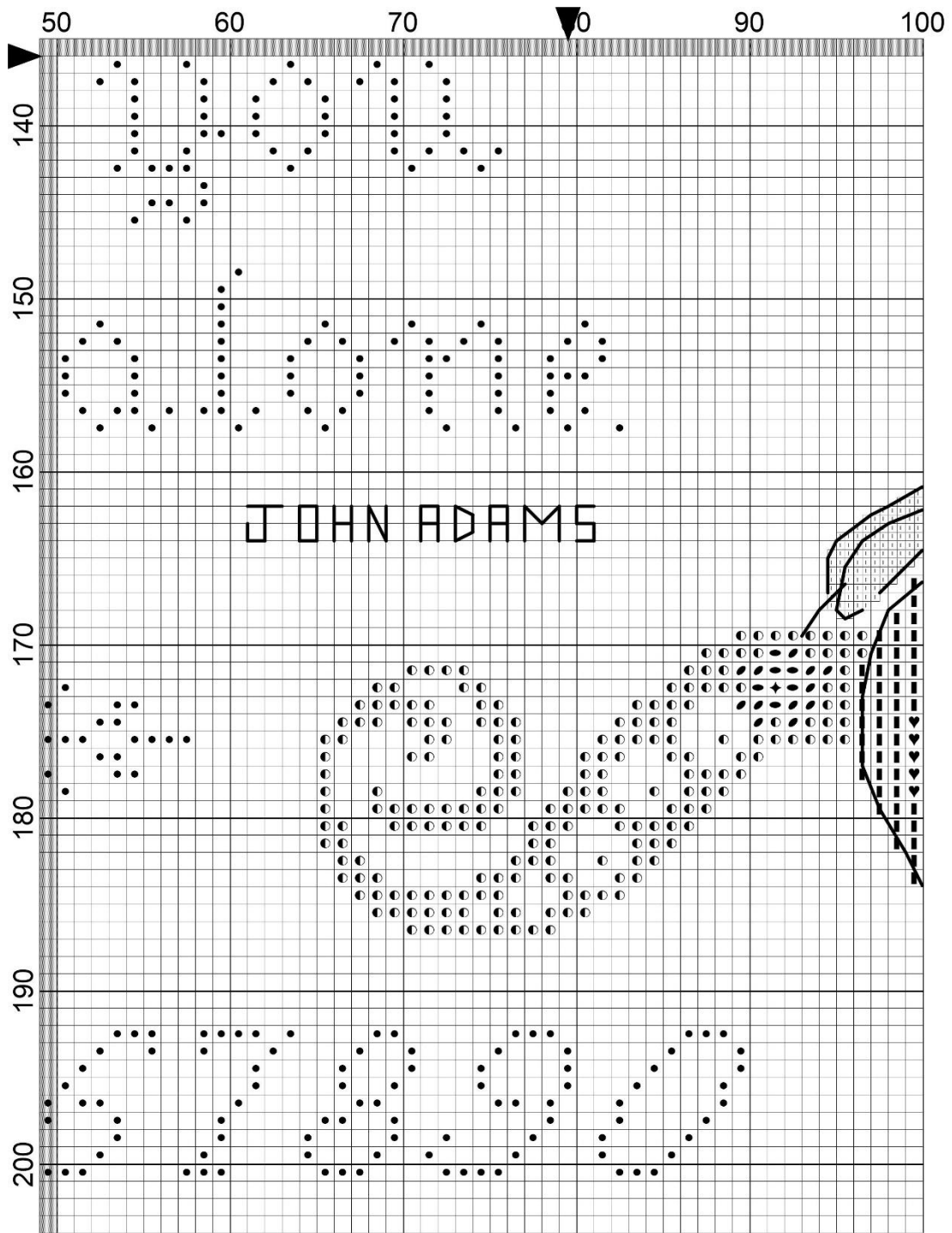


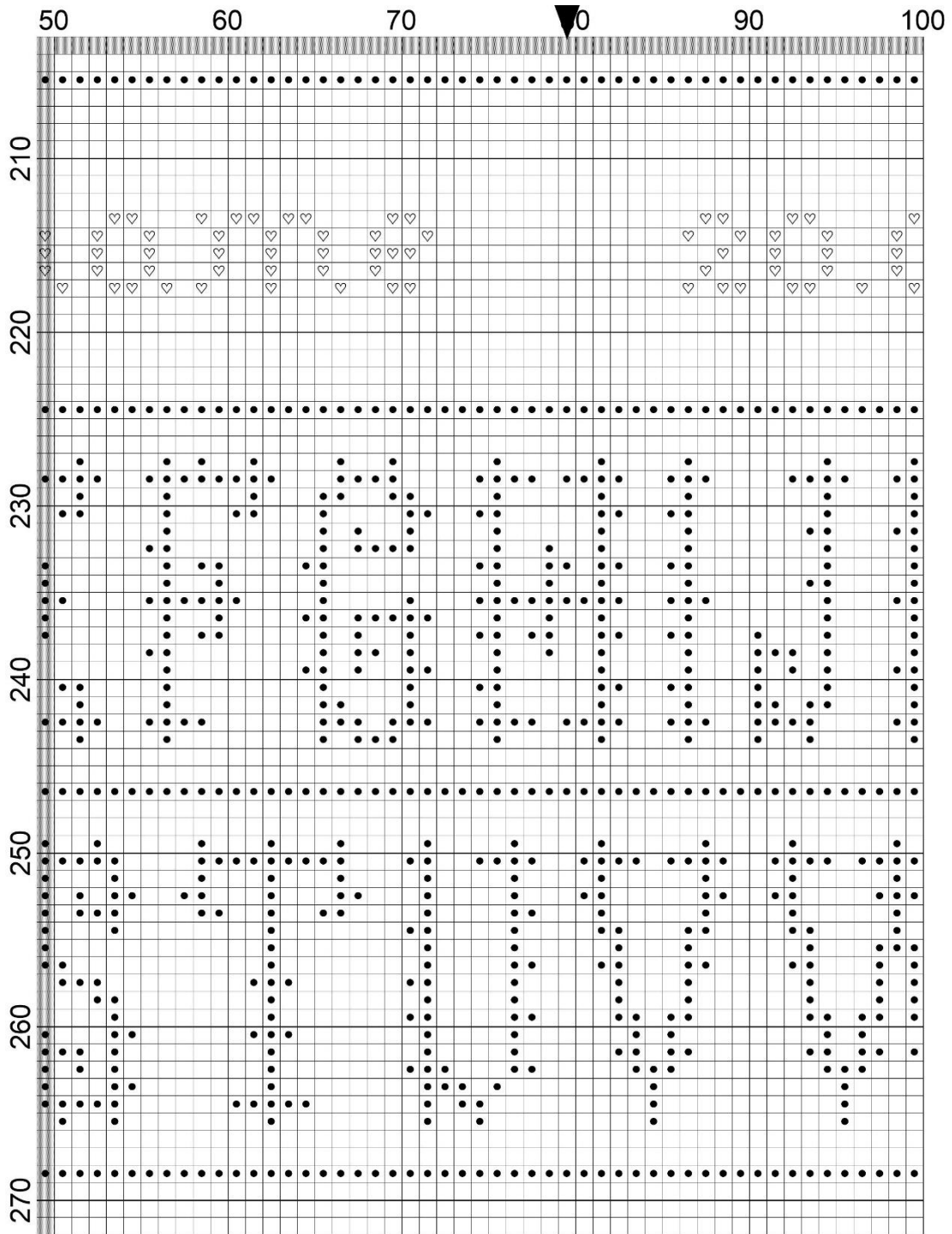


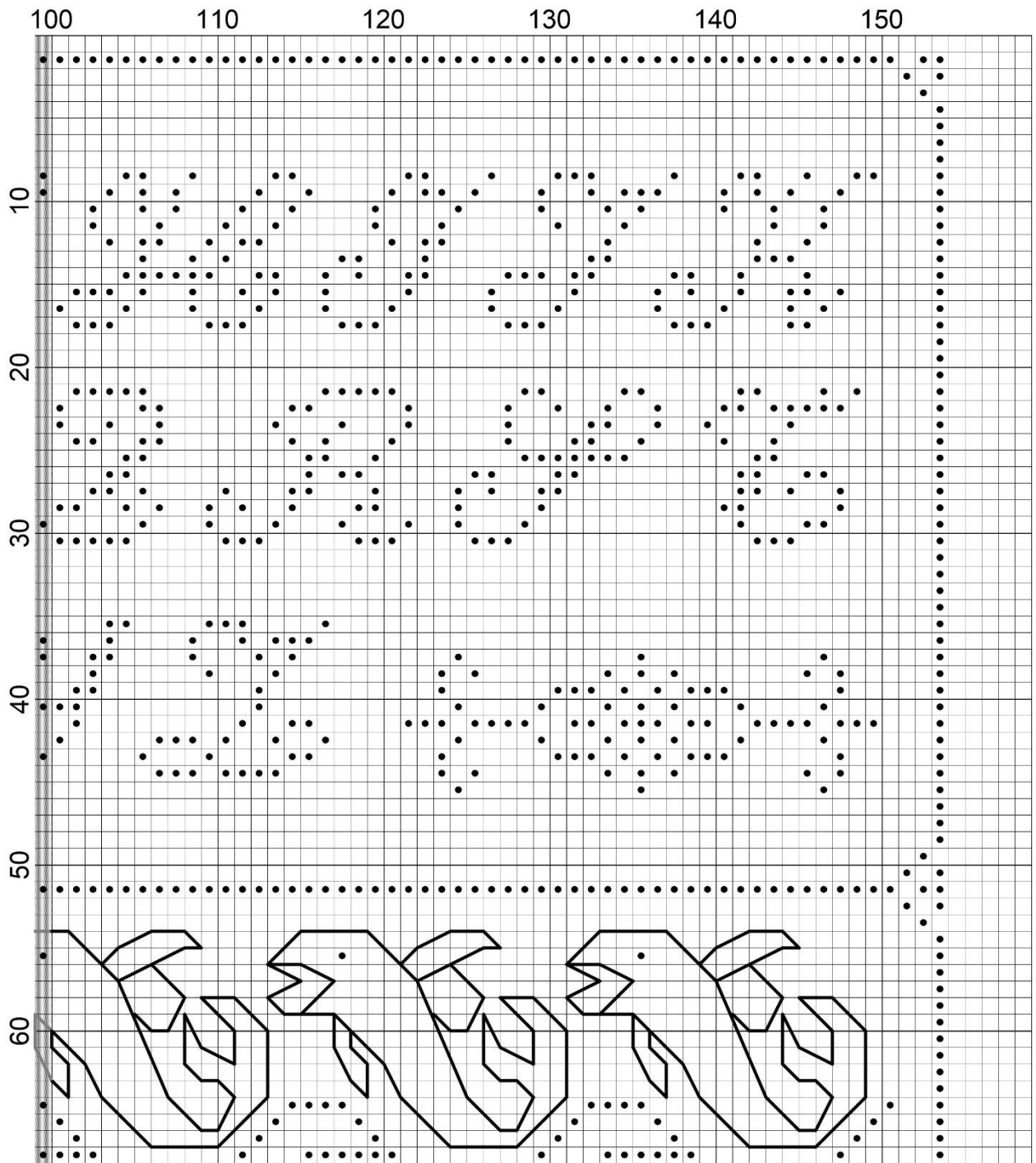


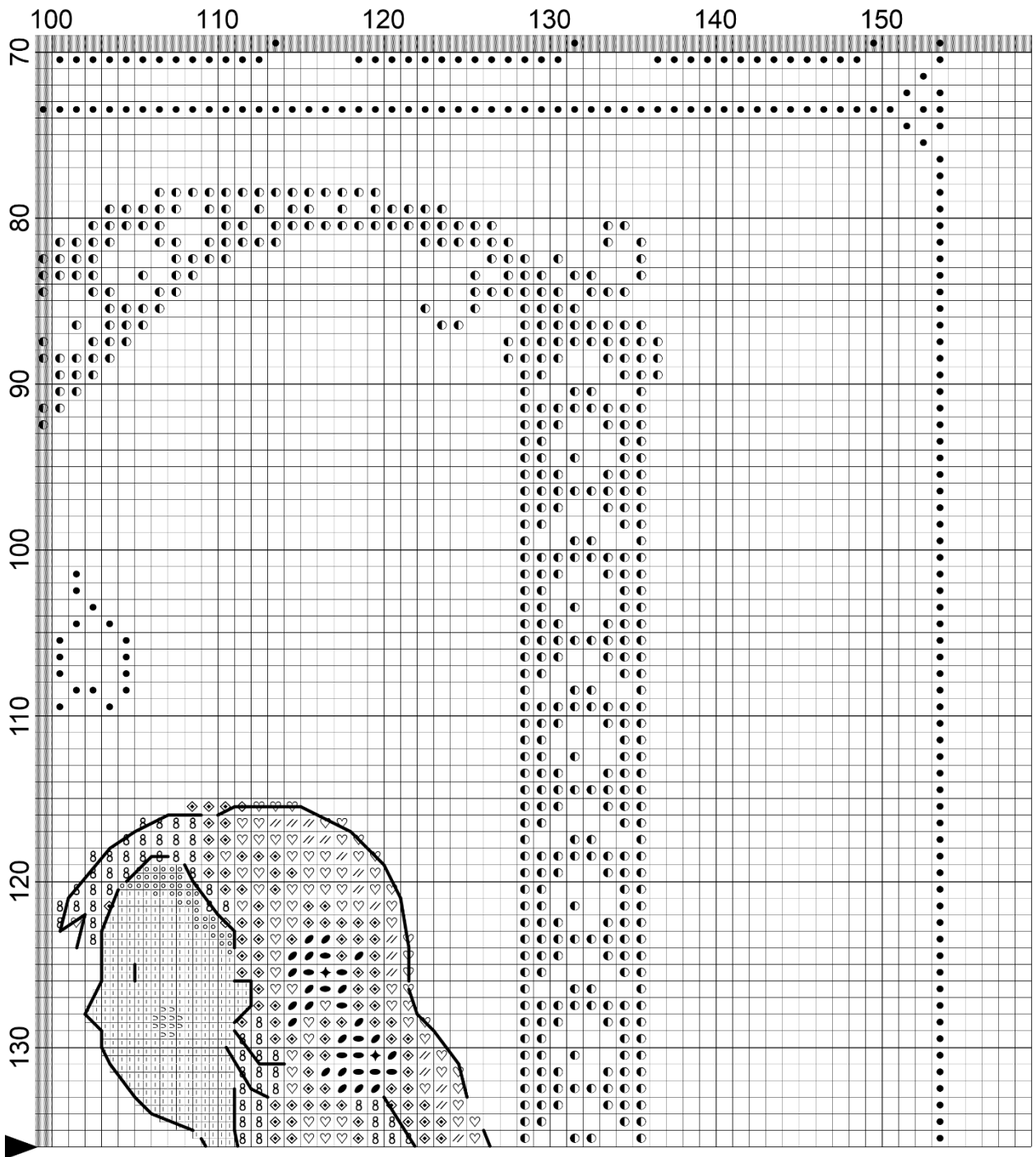


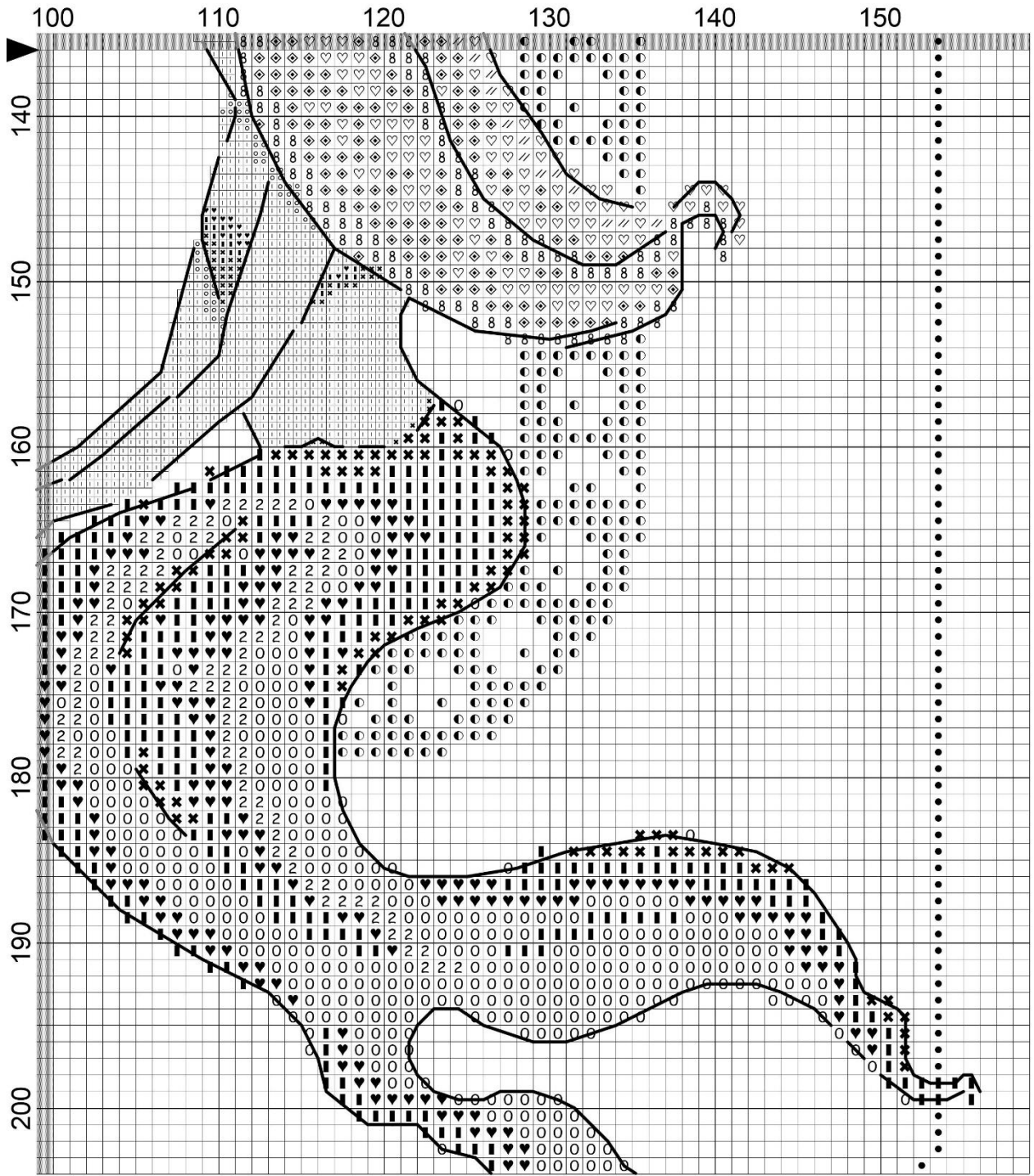


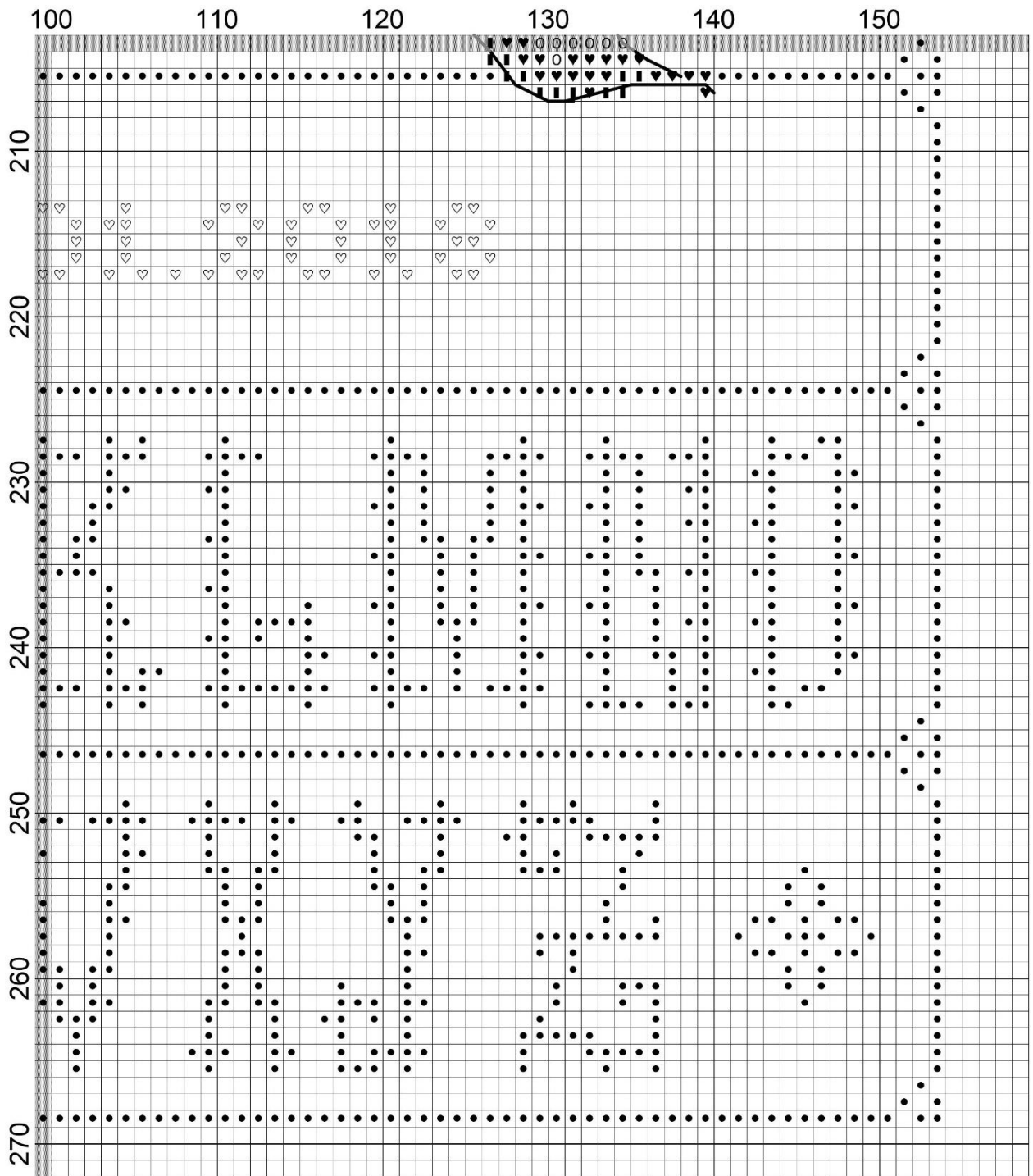






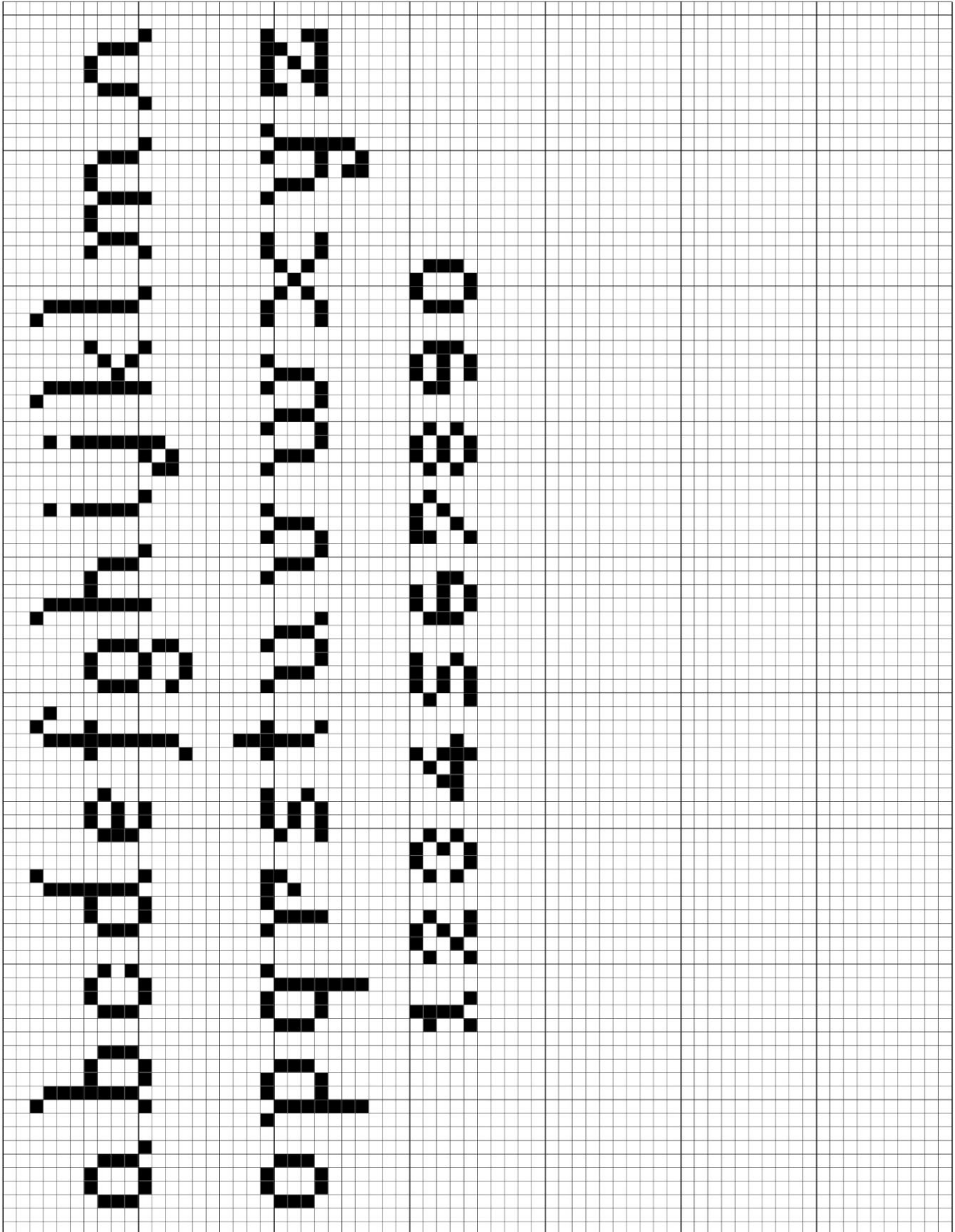




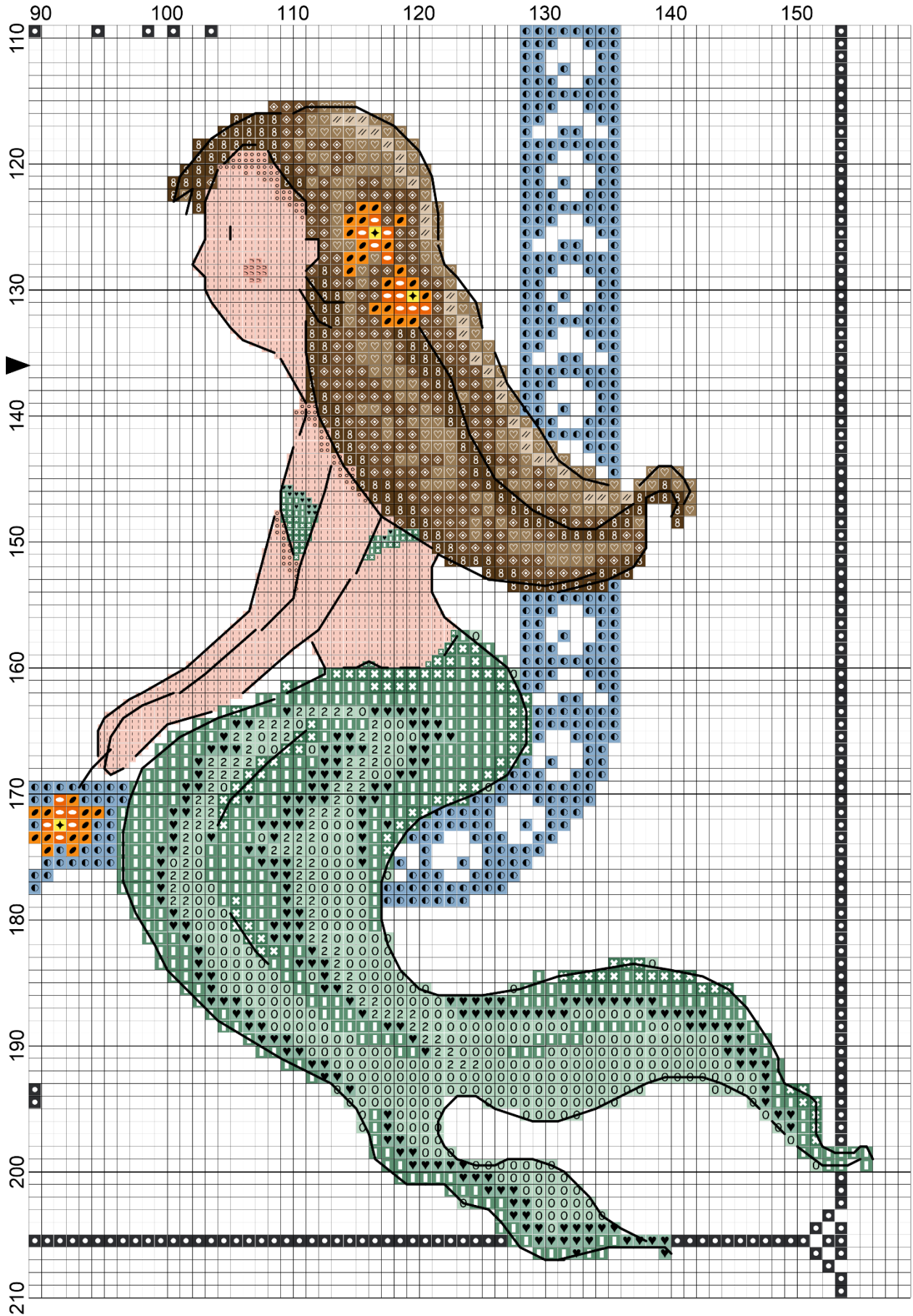


You can use this alphabet and numbers to personalize your sampler.

Just photocopy this page, then with a pencil chart out your name + date on the graph paper.



Details of the mermaid with petit point



Details of the mermaid using only whole stitches

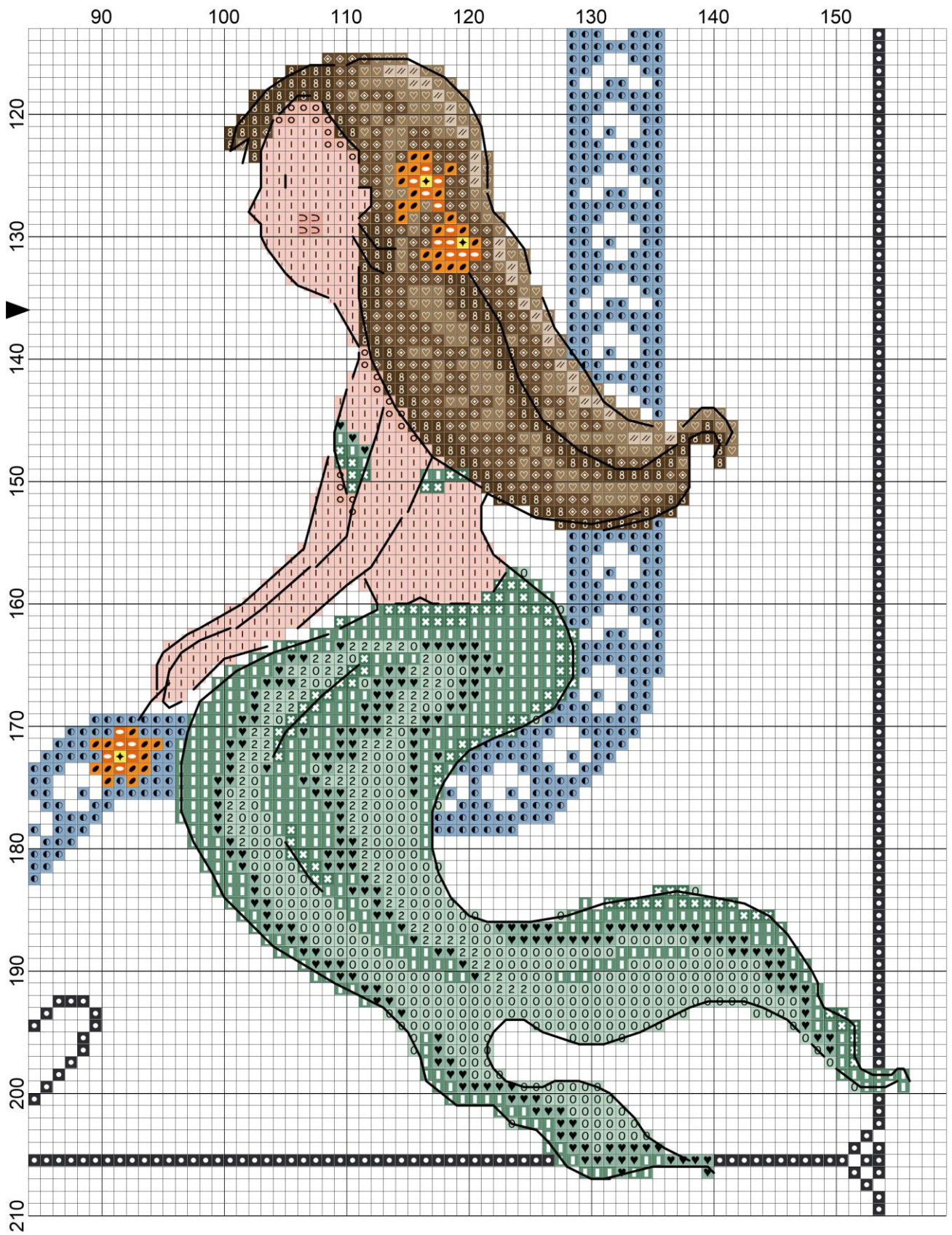


Photo of a stitched sampler, March 2025

This sampler was stitched with DMC variegated threads 4230, 4240

The eyes of the fish are worked in French knots

