

Sprat's heads

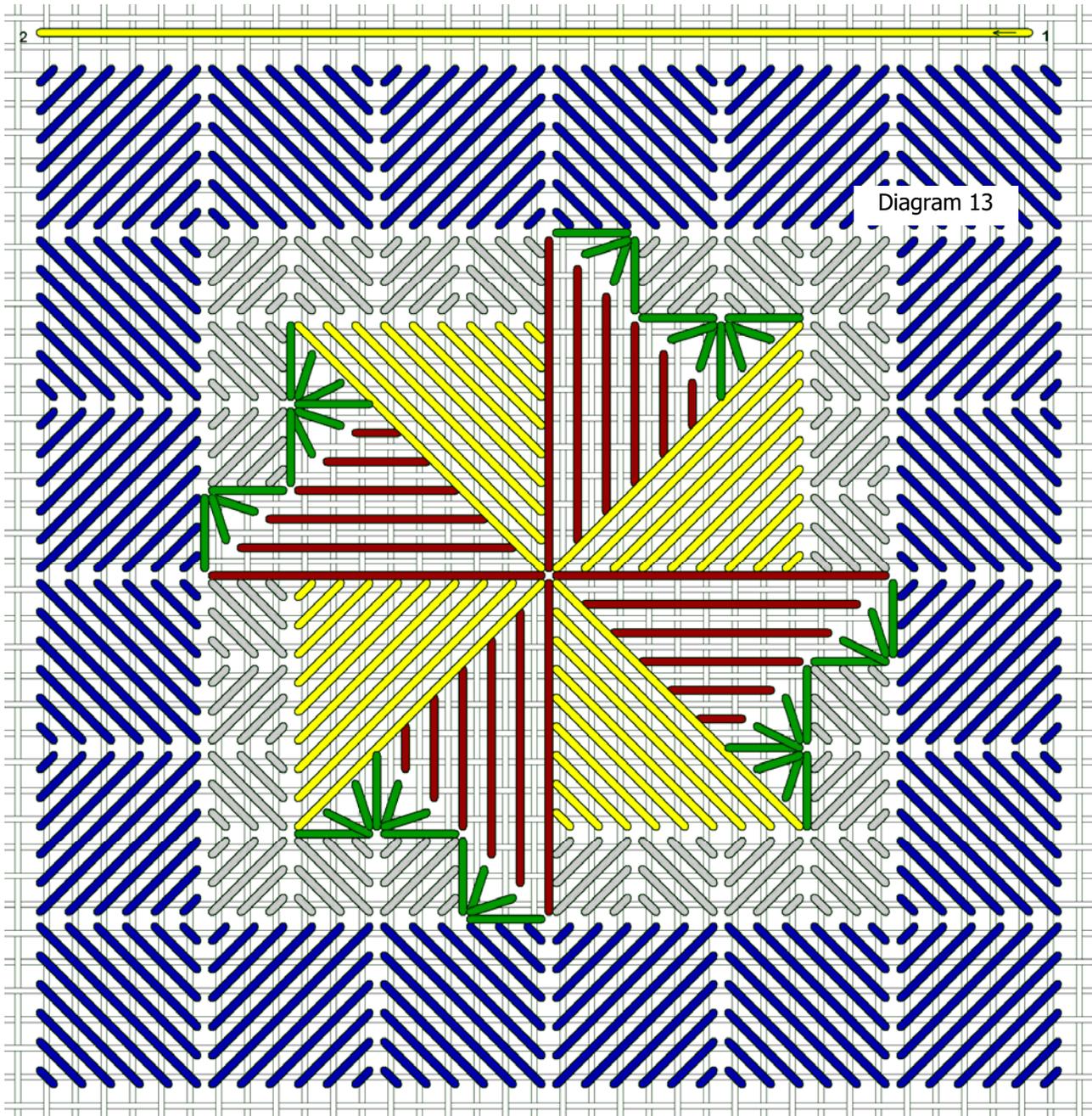
| Thread Type | As Shown | Your Choice |
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| Rayon pearl | Rainbow Gallery Panache PN24 Butterscotch | |

For the next part you'll need to do a little bit of counting to get started, then shouldn't have to count much.

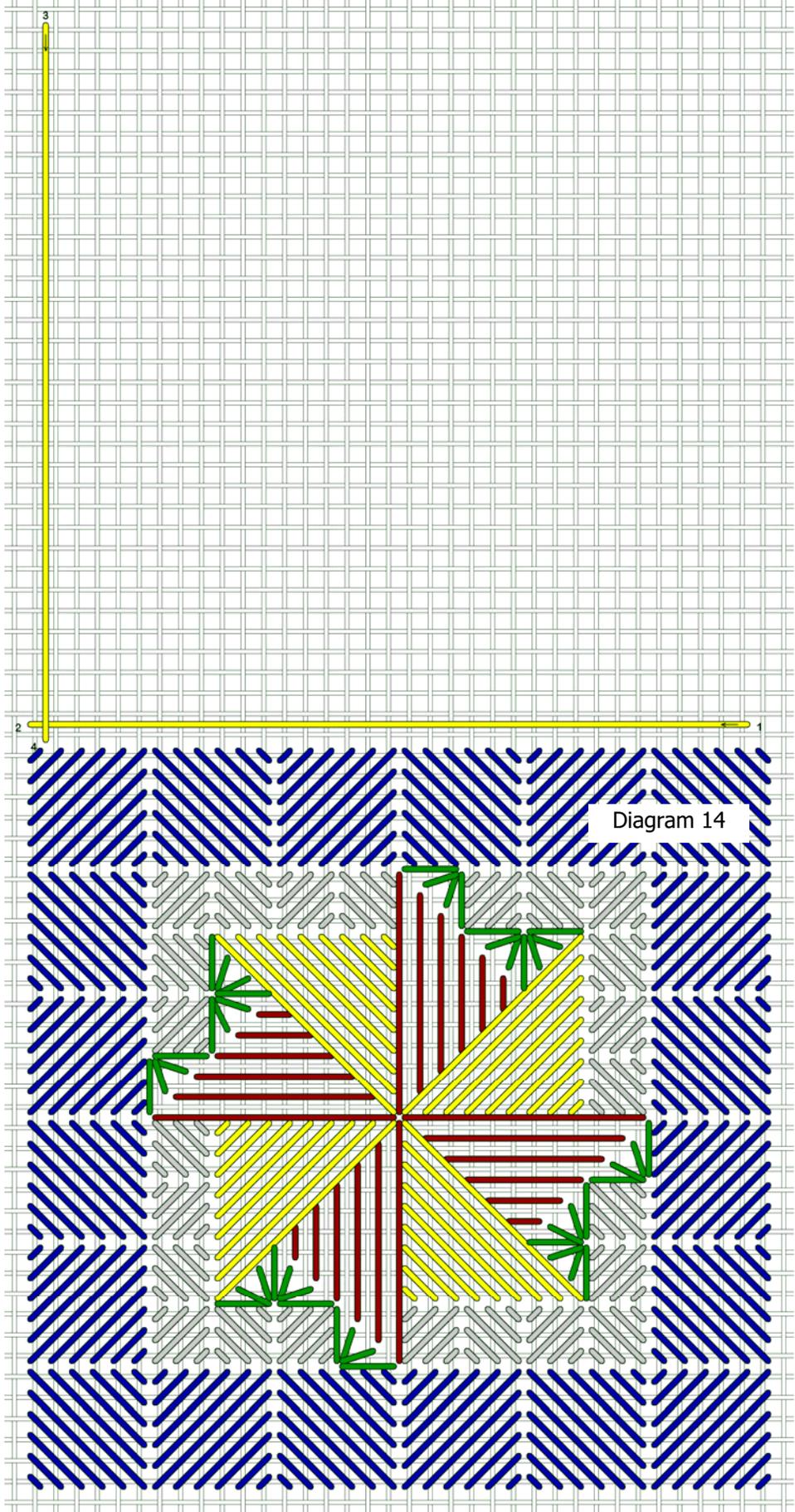
The sprat's heads form triangles on each side of the center motif. I used the rayon pearl, but pearl cotton or other round threads would work very well.

It took a lot of thread to stitch these, 132" for each one. If you don't want to stitch with that long a length, you'll need to start and stop a couple of times. The stitches are very long, though, and will cover about 2" for each stitch, so you'll need to stitch with at least 36" (better 72") so you aren't constantly starting and stopping new threads. I started and stopped with pin stitches to make sure the rayon pearl was secure, making a "T" to start and stop.

Lay the first stitch alongside the top edge of the center motif scotch stitches, with 1 canvas thread between the stitch and the scotch stitches as shown in Diagram 13.



For the second stitch: from the end of the first stitch, count up 35 canvas threads, and 1 thread to the right. Bring the needle up, then complete the stitch as shown in Diagram 14.



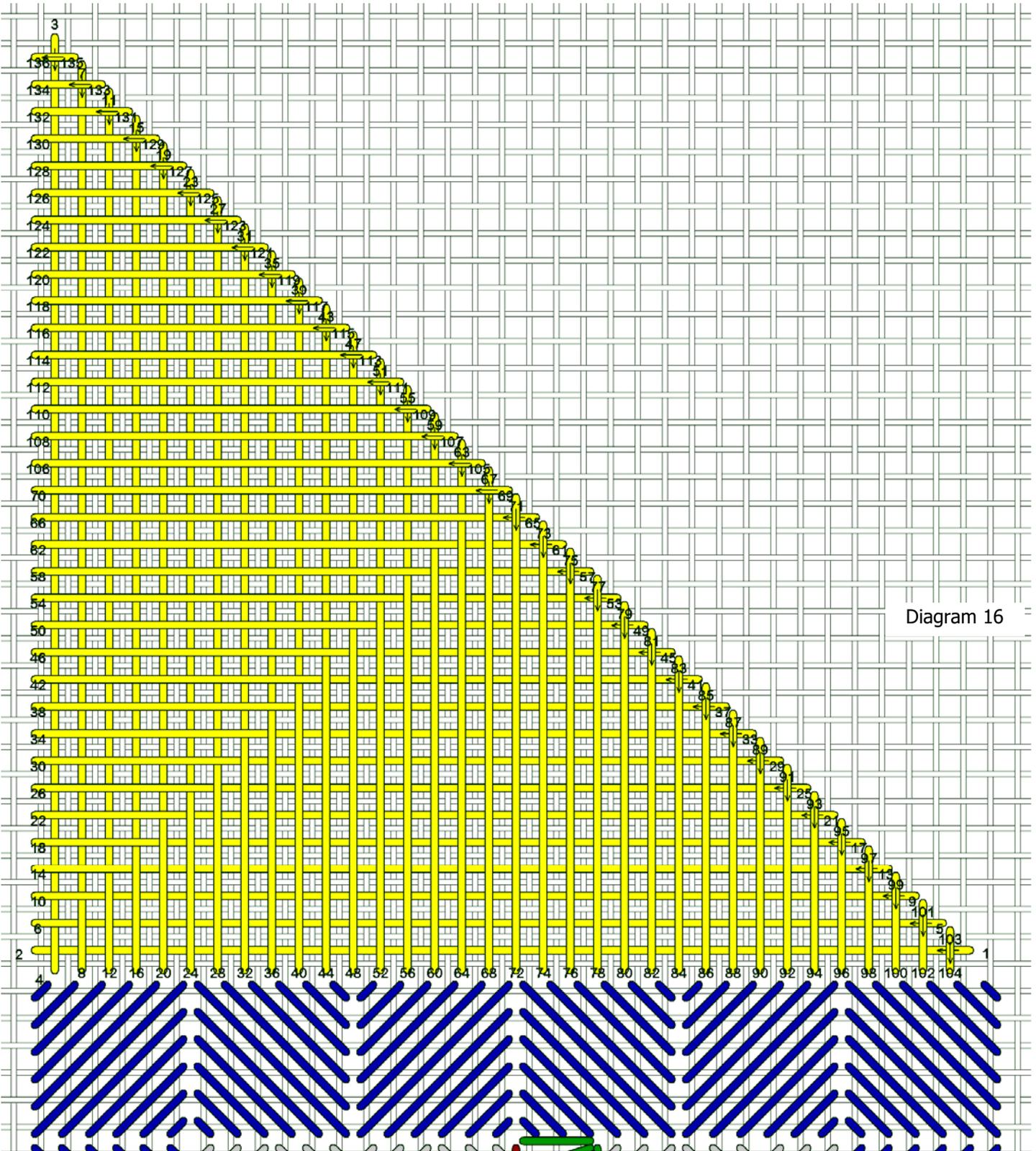


Diagram 16

To complete the sides of the sprat's head, stitch all of the stitches one way, then the other—no need to alternate sides at this point.

Stitch a sprat's head on the other three sides. If you have trouble flipping diagrams, turn the canvas so you are always stitching the same orientation, just be sure to mark the top of the canvas in some way so you can get back to right side up.

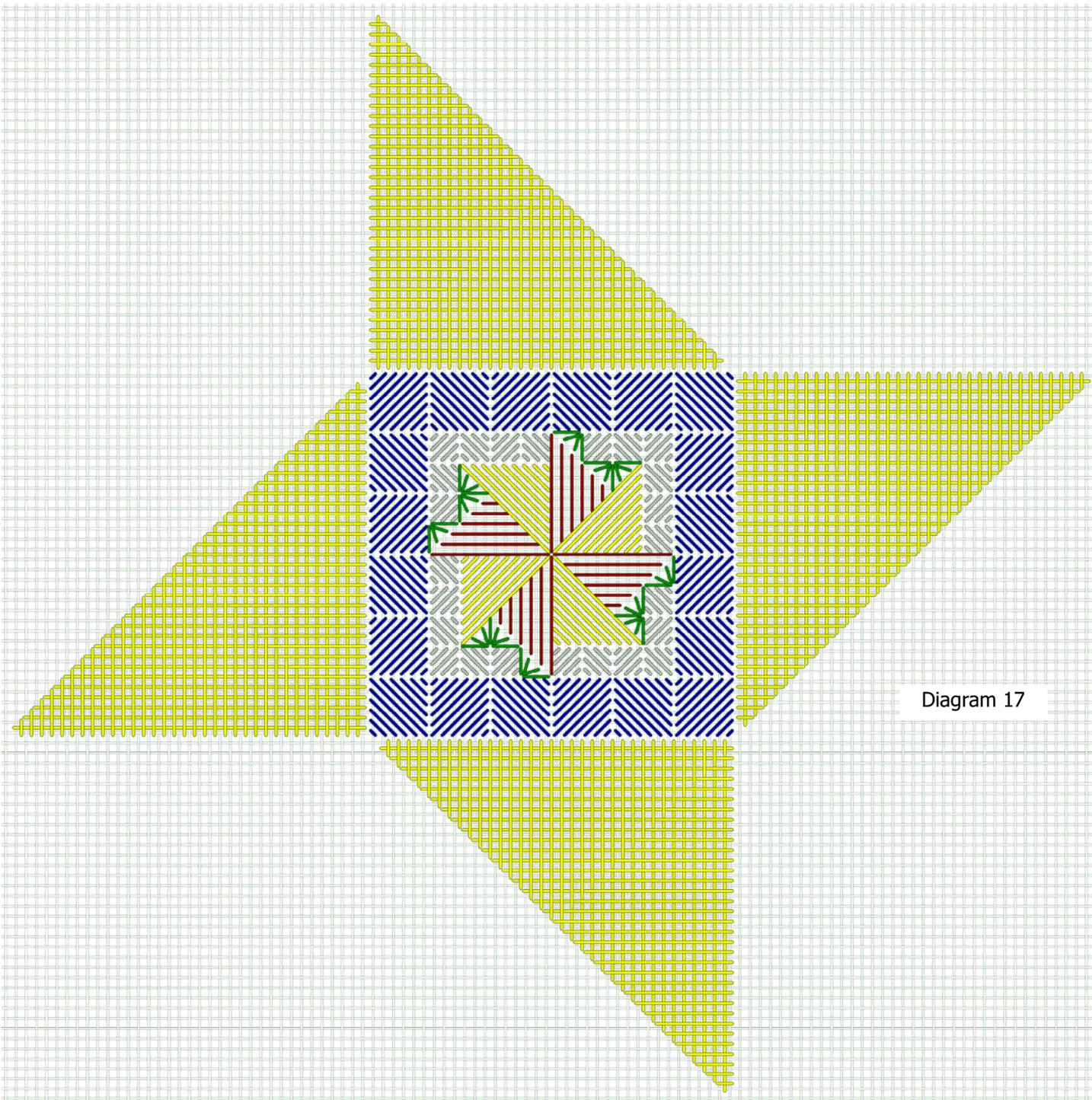


Diagram 17