

ABYSSINIAN CAT KEY

DMC	Anchor	Madeira		
■ Cross stitch in two strands				
blanc	2	2402	∩ ∩	white
310	403	2400	■ ■	black
420	374	2104	☾ ☾	fawn
422	943	2102	☉ ☉	light fawn
606	334	0209	♥ ♥	dark orange
676	891	2208	▲ ▲	light beige
677	886	2207	∩ ∩	sand
732	281	1612	✱ ✱	dark green
733	280	1611	☼ ☼	green
734	279	1610	☽ ☽	light green
740	925	0204	◇ ◇	orange
746	275	2511	∞ ∞	cream
758	9575	2309	∩ ∩	pink
814	43	0514	♥ ♥	dark red
817	13	0211	■ ■	red
829	906	2113	♣ ♣	brown
869	375	2105	◆ ◆	light brown
976	1001	2302	∩ ∩	dark beige
977	363	2301	☾ ☾	beige
3031	360	2003	● ●	very dark brown
3032	832	2002	▼ ▼	grey
3033	390	1908	I I	light grey
3045	373	2103	e e	stone
3046	887	2206	▽ ▽	light stone
3047	852	2205	○ ○	very light stone
3778	883	2312	☉ ☉	dark pink
3781	1050	2003	✱ ✱	dark brown
3782	899	1906	+ +	light olive green
3826	803	2306	▣ ▣	rust
3828	820	2011	● ●	olive green
■ Backstitch in one strand				
310	403	2400	—	white
3031	360	2003	—	very dark brown
■ Long stitch in one strand				
blanc	2	2402	white
■ French knot in one strand				
blanc	2	2402	○ ○	white
■ STITCH COUNT 120 high x 104 wide				
■ DESIGN AREA 14HPI – 21.4 x 18.6cm (8 ³ / ₄ x 7 ¹ / ₂ in)				
18HPI – 16.7 x 14.4cm (6 ³ / ₄ x 5 ³ / ₄ in) 22HPI – 13.6 x 11.8cm (5 ¹ / ₂ x 4 ³ / ₄ in)				
This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton				

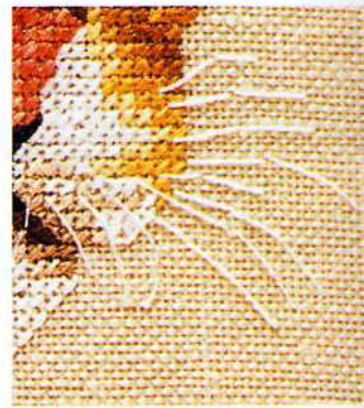
Coming soon...

Look out for Jayne's Russian Blue cat to stitch in the next issue of Cross Stitch Gold. This cat has beautiful green eyes and smoky grey fur, and is pictured surrounded by snowdrops



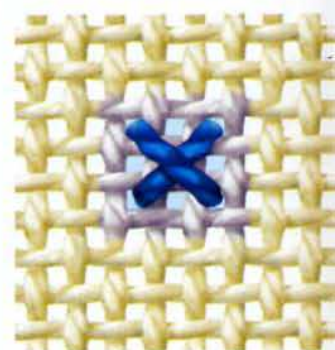
HOW TO...add the whiskers and eyebrows

As their name implies, long stitches are extra long stitches used to add details such as whiskers. Following the chart, bring the needle up at one end of a long stitch and count the squares to its other end. Take the needle back down through the fabric and pull the thread through until the stitch lies flat over the cross stitch. Long stitches affect the look of your finished design so take the time to get the tension right.



HOW TO...stitch over two

Each cross stitch in this beautiful design is worked over two threads of the evenweave fabric. This means you should count both along and up two holes to take a stitch. Your crosses will then fill a nine-hole (instead of a four-hole) square as shown in the diagram. You will find fractional stitches much easier when stitching over two because at the centre of each square is a hole for quarter stitches.



GOLD STITCHING TIP

This design contains many similar colours so it's important to organise your threads well. Put them on labelled organiser cards or in a folder, so you will know you have the right shade

If you like this...

You will find more beautiful cat designs in 'Cats of the World in Cross Stitch' (David & Charles, new paperback £12.00, ISBN 0715313037), Jayne's fourth book with co-author Nicki Wheeler. The 30 designs include both wild and domestic cats. This book is available from bookshops or by calling 01626 334555

