





## HOW TO...add the whiskers

Using long stitch for the cat's whiskers really brings this design to life. Long stitch creates a more fluid and subtle outline than backstitch and gives the cat a natural expression.

Work the long stitches in one strand of white when all the other stitching is complete following the lines shown on the chart. Bring the needle up through the

fabric at one end of each long stitch and count the squares to find the other end. Take the needle back down at this point and pull the thread so that the stitch lies flat against the fabric.

These stitches will make a big difference to the way your finished picture looks, so it's a good idea to take your time over getting the tension right

## HOW TO...stitch the bluebells

The bluebells are worked in a mixture of whole and fractional cross stitch, long stitch and French knots. Where two fractional stitches share a square, make a three-quarter stitch on the bluebells and a quarter stitch on the cat behind. To save time, thread several needles with the colours you need so that you can move easily from one petal to the next. Finally, add the long stitch stems and the French knots.



## BLUEBELL CAT KEY

DMC	Anchor	Madeira		
<b>■ Cross stitch in two strands</b>				
blanc	1	2401	∩ ∩	white
310	403	2400	■ ■	black
352	9	0303	♥ ♥	pink
353	6	0304	♡ ♡	light pink
368	261	1310	♣ ♣	green
433	358	2602	♠ ♠	brown
434	349	2009	⊠ ⊠	light brown
435	1046	2010	◇ ◇	dark tan
436	1045	2011	℄ ℄	tan
437	362	2012	⋈ ⋈	light tan
543	892	1909	↗ ↗	stone
712	926	2101	∖ ∖	cream
738	372	2013	○ ○	beige
739	366	2014	∞ ∞	light beige
792	940	0905	♠ ♠	dark purple
793	176	0906	♠ ♠	blue
794	175	0907	+ +	light blue
801	359	2006	✦ ✦	dark brown
813	130	1003	⊕ ⊕	sky blue
826	146	0906	⊕ ⊕	dark sky blue
827	144	0909	3 3	light sky blue
840	1084	1912	▼ ▼	dark mushroom
841	1082	1911	▽ ▽	mushroom
842	388	1909	∇ ∇	light mushroom
938	381	2005	◆ ◆	very dark brown
3371	382	2004	● ●	black brown
3747	117	0901	□ □	lilac
3807	122	2702	■ ■	purple
<b>■ Backstitch in one strand</b>				
blanc	1	2401	—	white
310	403	2400	—	black
792	940	0905	—	dark purple
<b>■ French knots in one strand</b>				
3822	305	0109	● ●	yellow
<b>■ STITCH COUNT</b>		118 high x 103 wide		
<b>■ DESIGN AREA</b>		14 HPI – 21.1 x 18.4cm (8½ x 7½ in)		
		18 HPI – 16.4 x 14.3cm (6¾ x 5¾ in)		
		22 HPI – 13.4 x 11.7cm (5½ x 4¾ in)		
This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton				