

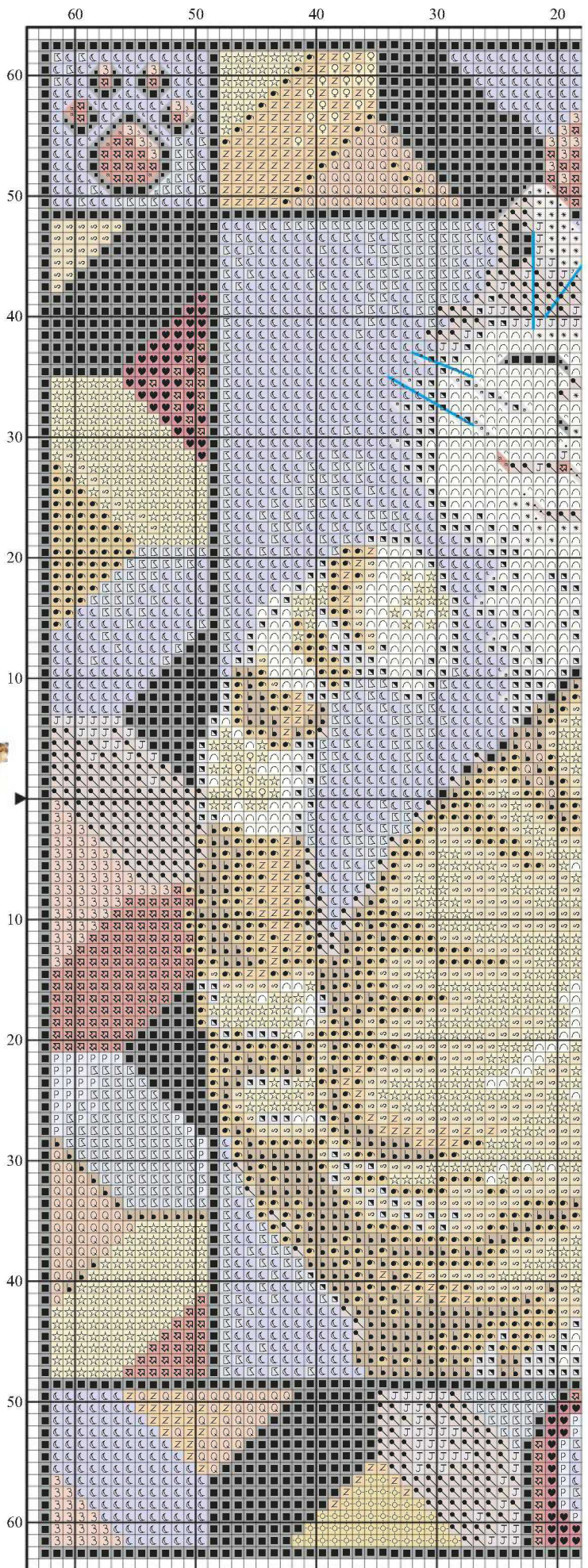
TOP TIP
 When doing longstitch,
 make sure you keep a
 taut, even tension as this
 will give you a nice,
 neat finish



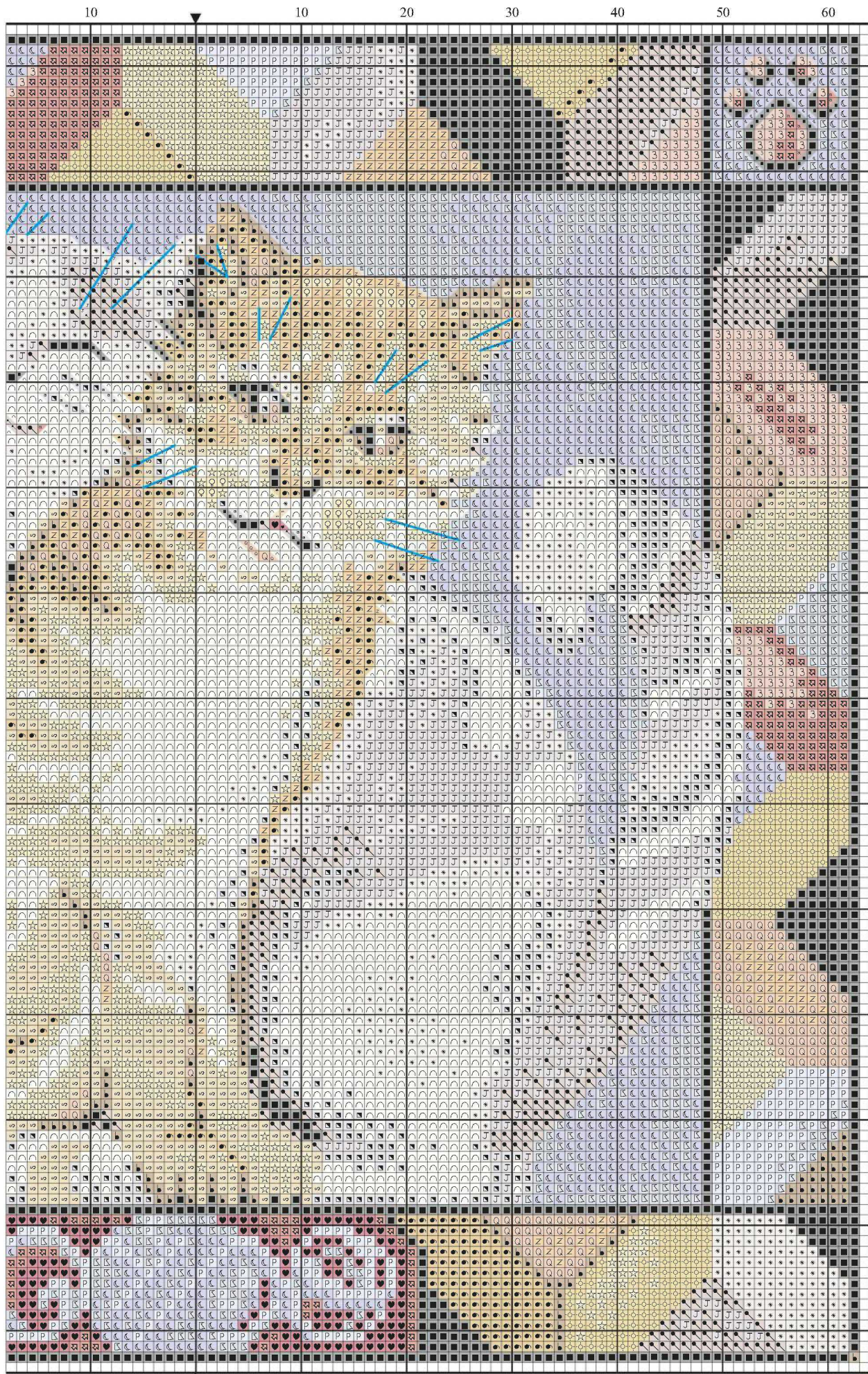
“ This cushion would look just right on my mum’s sofa. From the striking colour palette to the adorable kitties, everything about it is perfection! ”



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Cats Cushion chart (left)



Cats Cushion chart (right)



Rebecca READER PANEL

“This cushion would be just perfect for my grandma! I’m going to add it to my list of projects to stitch, as I know she’s on the look-out for some new cushions for her living room at the moment!”

Cats Cushion key

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	
P	157	120	907	light blue
■	168	1096	1708	grey
■	310	403	2400	black
●	436	1045	2011	tan
●	451	233	1808	dark shell grey
J	452	232	1807	shell grey
*	453	231	1806	light shell grey
☆	677	886	2207	sand
Ⓢ	738	367	2013	cream
3	760	1022	405	pink
⊠	794	136	906	blue
⊠	3328	1024	406	dark pink
♥	3350	42	603	rose pink
☾	3807	122	2702	dark blue
☼	3821	305	2510	gold
Q	3853	1003	311	dark copper
Z	3854	313	114	copper
Q	3855	311	2513	light copper
Ⓛ	3862	374	1913	brown
∩	3865	2	2403	white

✕ Long stitch in one strand

—	3865	2	2403	white
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STITCH COUNT 126 high x 126 wide

DESIGN AREA 14 HPI (28-count evenweave) – 23x23cm (9x9in)

SKEINS NEEDED 2x310 (black), 2x3807 (dark blue), 2x3865 (white)

This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton

How to...

make a cushion

1 Start by trimming your finished stitched piece, so that it measures 27x27cm (10½x10½in).

2 Cut two panels of backing fabric, both measuring 27x12cm (10½x4¾in), and pin to the sides of your stitching, right sides together. Next, machine or hand-stitch with a 2cm (¾in) seam allowance, and then press open the seams to ensure a neat finish.

3 Cut two more panels of fabric, measuring 43x12cm (17x4¾in), and place at the top and bottom of your piece of stitching. Pin together and machine or hand-stitch in place, and then press the seams open.

4 Cut two back panels, both measuring 27x43cm (10½x17in). Sew a 2cm (¾in) hem along the long edges of each piece. With right sides facing, place the panels over the front, so the hemmed edges of the panels overlap in the middle, creating an envelope opening.

5 Pin and sew all around the edges. Turn through and press, then insert your cushion pad to finish.

Shopping list

- ✕ Zweigart* 14-count white aida measuring 38x38cm (15x15in)
- ✕ Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- ✕ Size 24 tapestry needle
- ✕ Backing fabric of your choice – we used Kona Cotton Solids – Cayenne (K355) from The Village Haberdashery*
- ✕ Cushion pad measuring 40x40cm (16x16in) from local stores

Thread & fabric cost
Approximately £26

*For stockists see page 90

