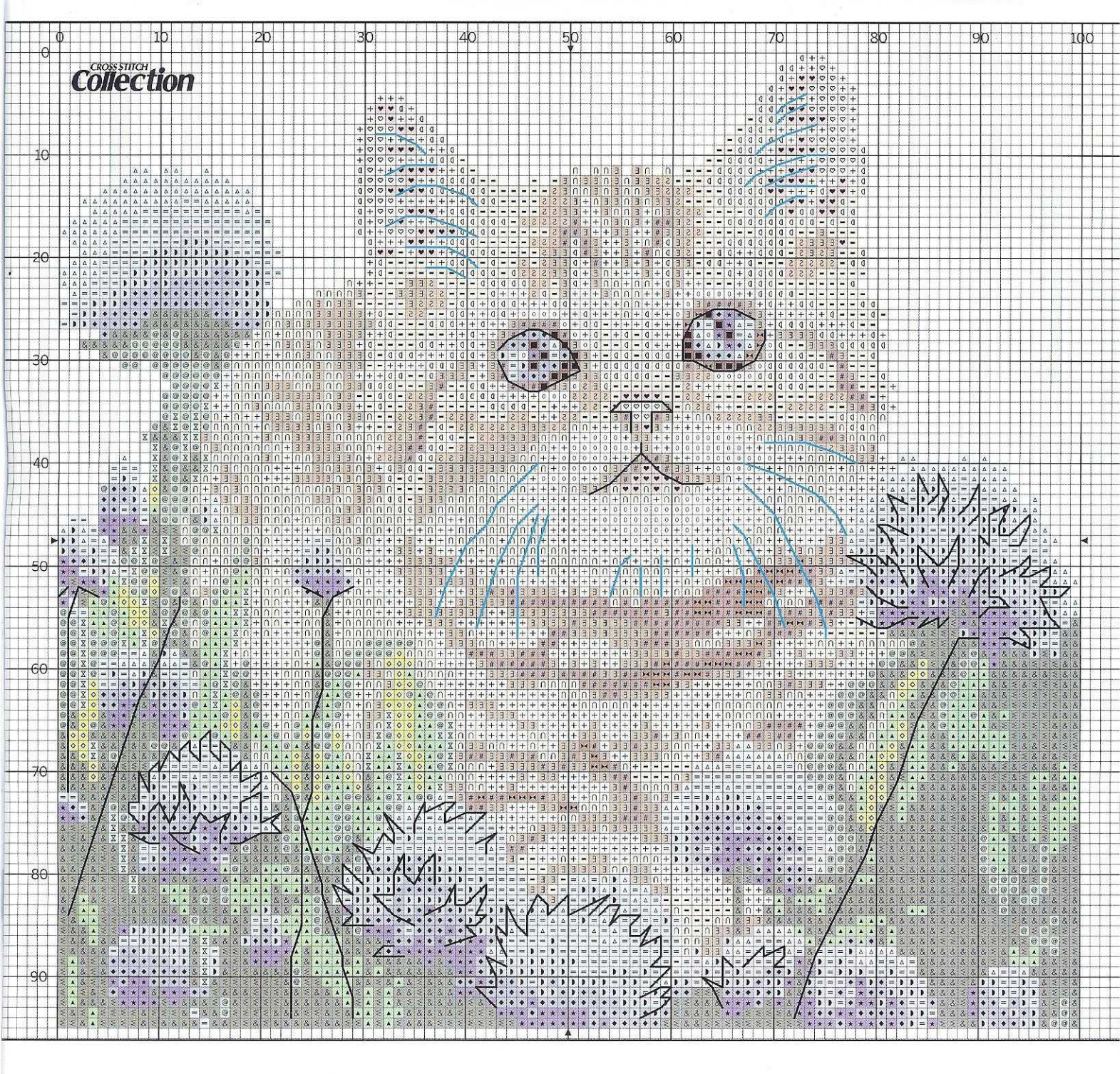


CROSS STITCH
Collection



Shopping list..

- ✓ 18HPI evenweave, blue, 20x40in (51x101cm) Zweigart Davosa, ref 3770/507
- ✓ Stranded cotton as listed in the key
- ✚ Cotton lining fabric 24x34in (61x86cm), blue print
- ✚ Sewing kit – usual essentials including matching thread
- ✦ Items marked ✓ are included in materials pack, items marked ✚ are not included.
- ✦ Turn to page 69 for hints and help!
- ✦ Fabric for the stitched piece supplied by Willow Fabrics – visit www.willowfabrics.com or call ☎ 0800 0567811

► Starting off

The fabric size in the shopping list is enough to make the whole bag, so first cut out your fabric: Evenweave – front 20x19in (51x48cm); back 15x11½in (38x29cm); gusset bottom 3x11½in (8x29cm); gusset sides, two pieces 3x15in (8x38cm). Cotton lining fabric – front 15x11½in (38x29cm); back 15x11½in (38x29cm); gusset bottom 3x11½in (8x29cm); gusset sides, two pieces 3x15in (8x38cm); handles, two strips 4x28in (10x71cm).

Stitching the design

The kitten cross stitch design is only stitched on to the front of the bag. The size of fabric given for this includes an extra allowance whilst stitching and is trimmed later. The kitten is worked at the lower edge of the bag with more space given above when making up.

Measure 4in (10cm) up from the lower edge of the fabric then centrally across the width and mark with a pin. This mark corresponds with the centre of the bottom row of stitching on the chart. Start stitching at this point and work upwards from here to ensure your finished design is placed correctly on the fabric.

All the cross stitch is worked in four strands of cotton over two threads of the evenweave fabric. When you have finished working all the cross stitch, add the backstitch details.

Making up the bag

Forming the bag outer and lining

1. Trim your stitched evenweave so there is ½in (1.5cm) of fabric below the design and ½in (1.5cm) either side. Trim the top of the fabric so it measures 15in (38cm) in height, which leaves a fabric allowance above the kitten.
2. Use a ½in (1.5cm) seam allowance throughout and press seams open as you go.
3. Stitch the gusset pieces together along the short edges. Make sure you join them with a side piece, then the bottom piece then a side piece, in that order.
4. Place the long edge of the gusset strip right sides together down one side of the stitched bag front and stitch together, stopping ½in (1.5cm) from the bottom.
5. Now stitch the bottom of the gusset to the lower edge of the bag and up the side in the same way, keeping your machine needle in the fabric as you turn the corners.

6. Attach the back of the bag to the other side of the gusset in the same way.
7. Make up the lining of the bag in the same way as with the outer, but leave a gap along one of the bottom seams for turning.

Making the handles

1. Fold one handle strip in half lengthways and right sides together, then stitch together to make a tube. Repeat with the other handle.
2. Turn the handles right sides out and press, with the seam central down the back.
3. Pin one short end of a handle to the bag front, placing it 2in (5cm) in from the side seam. Repeat with the other short handle end and pin the looped handle end to the bag front.

Baby blue

DMC Anchor Madeira Colour
Cross stitch in four strands

□□	White	002	2402	White
♥♥	152	893	2610	Dark pink
△△	157	120	0901	Very light bluebell
✱✱	158	941	0914	Very dark bluebell
♡♡	225	1026	0814	Light pink
☘☘	501	878	1704	Holly green
⊠⊠	561	212	1205	D mint green (2)
▲▲	702	226	1306	Dark green
✕✕	779	936	1913	Dark sepia
▯▯	793	176	0906	Medium bluebell
▨▨	794	175	0907	Light bluebell
▩▩	842	1080	1907	Cream (2)
◇◇	907	255	1410	Light green
▤▤	950	4146	2309	Med pink beige
⊞⊞	3064	883	2312	Dark pink beige
■	3371	382	2004	Brown
□□	3774	778	0306	Light pink beige
◆◆	3807	122	2702	Dark bluebell
⊙⊙	3816	876	1703	Med mint green
⊠⊠	3817	875	2604	Light mint green
⊞⊞	3860	379	1914	Medium sepia
⊞⊞	3861	378	1912	Light sepia (2)
⊞⊞	3866	926	1901	Off white (2)

Backstitch in two strands

—	*White	002	2402	White
	whiskers and ear details			
—	*3371	382	2004	Brown
	all other outlines and details			

Stitched using DMC threads on 18HPI evenweave over two threads

Stitch count 95x100

Design area 10½x11in (27x28cm)

*indicates colour is listed earlier in the key
(2) indicates more than one skein required

Make it easy!

Fabric and threads pack direct to you for just £39.75
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Colours tip

Take care when working the cross stitches in holly green and dark mint green, as the colours are very close and they could easily be mixed up. Work in good light and check you have selected the correct colour when you change thread.