

Neko Atsume ねこあつめ

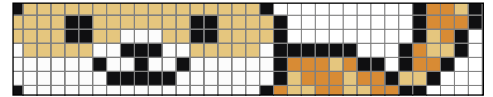
cross-stitch instructions

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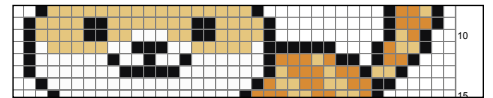
These patterns can be stitched on any size of aida cloth. Smaller count aida will produce a smaller finished design, and larger will produce a larger finished design.

- ▶ **14-count** aida is recommended for beginners, while **18-count** will make a less 'pixelated' looking design.
- ▶ Use **3 strands** of floss for 14-count, and **2 strands** of floss for 16 and 18-count.
- ▶ For this project, we're stitching with a tapestry needle, which has a blunt tip. Use a **size 24** needle for 14-count aida, and a **size 28** needle for 16 or 18-count.

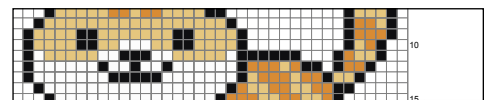
14-count aida (actual size)



16-count aida (actual size)



18-count aida (actual size)



SUPPLIES

- ✓ Aida cloth
- ✓ Embroidery floss (DMC)
- ✓ Tapestry needle (24 or 28)
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Embroidery hoop
- ✓ This pattern

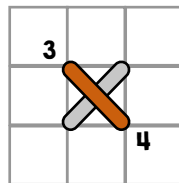
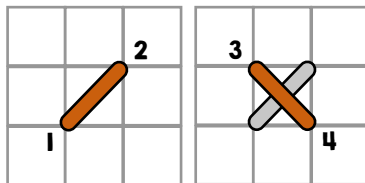
PREP

- 1:** Fit cloth into hoop and **tighten screw** to fasten securely.
- 2:** Embroidery floss normally has 6 strands. Thread the needle with **3 strands** of your first color (if using 14-count aida) or **2 strands** (16 and 18-count aida).
- 3:** You do not need to tie a knot for cross-stitch. When you make your first stitch, simply pull your thread through to leave a **one-inch tail** at the back of the fabric. Work your first few stitches **over the tail** to secure it.

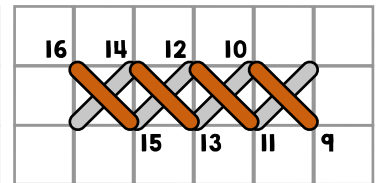
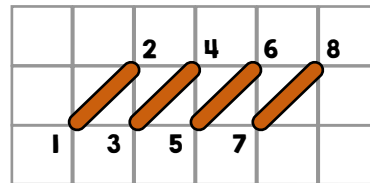
STITCH!

We're only using one stitch for this project: a basic cross stitch.

Start by bringing your needle up through the back at **1** and then down in again at **2**



Yay! Let's make a row. ↪



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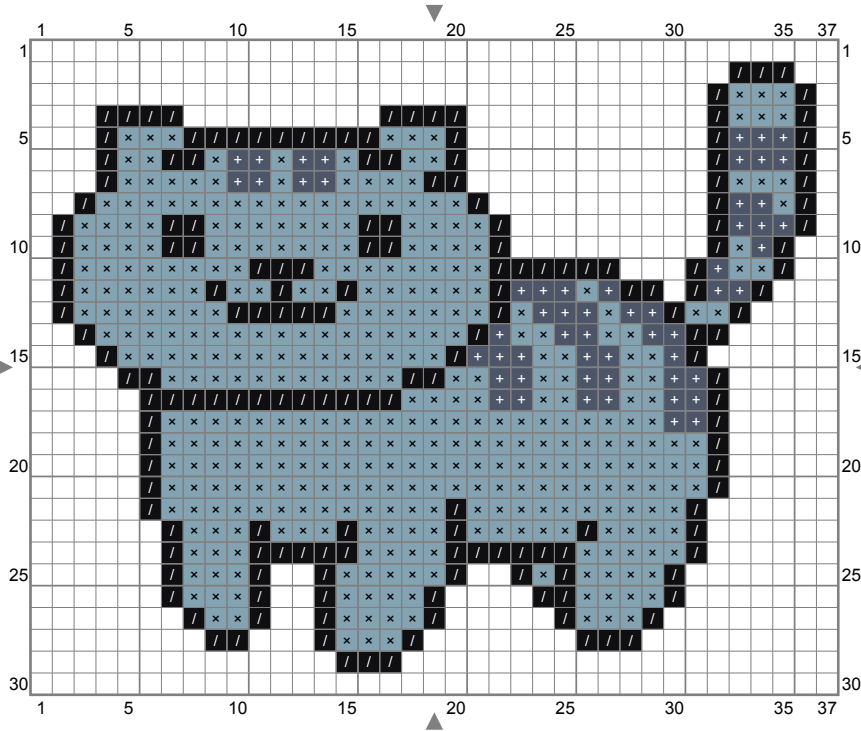
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cross-stitch pattern

PATTERN

-  DMC 310 (black)
-  DMC 169 (light pewter)
-  DMC 413 (dark pewter gray)



HOT TIPS

- ✓ You'll save time by stitching **all of one color**, then moving to the next.
- ✓ Start by stitching all the **black** squares. Then you'll have an easy outline to fill in!
- ✓ If your thread gets twisted, **dangle it in the air**, needle end down, till it untwists.
- ✓ To finish, you can **trim** the excess cloth away, **tuck** it in, or **hot glue** a felt circle over the back of the hoop.

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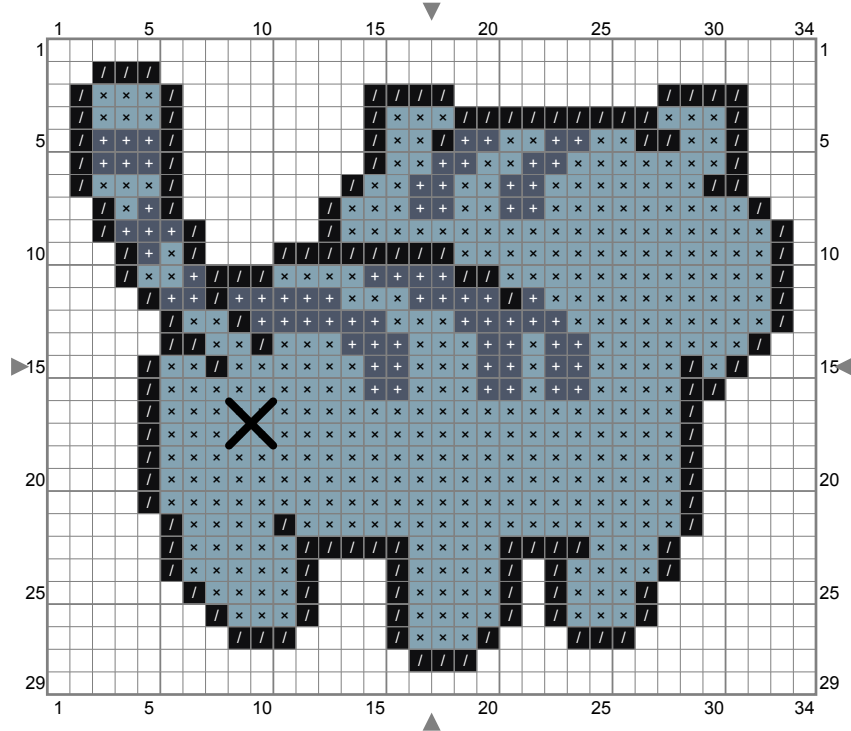
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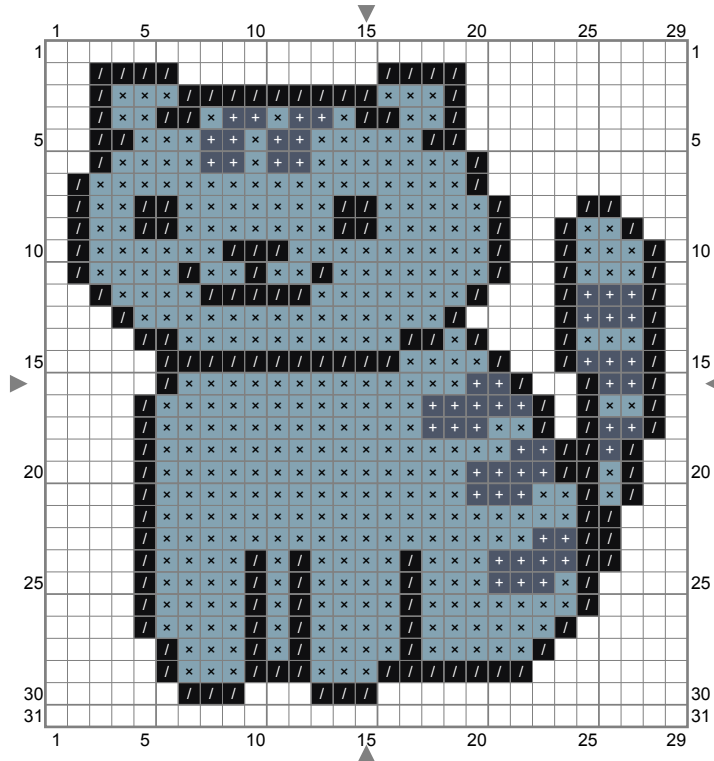
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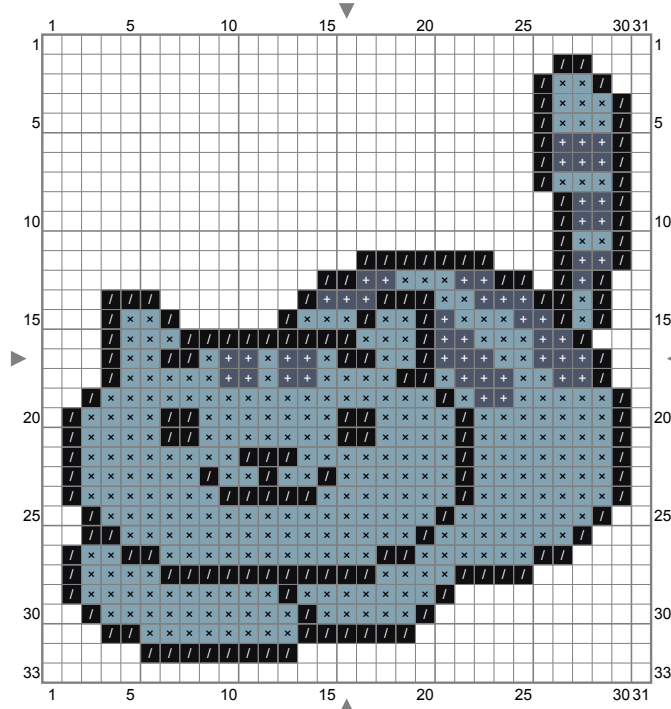
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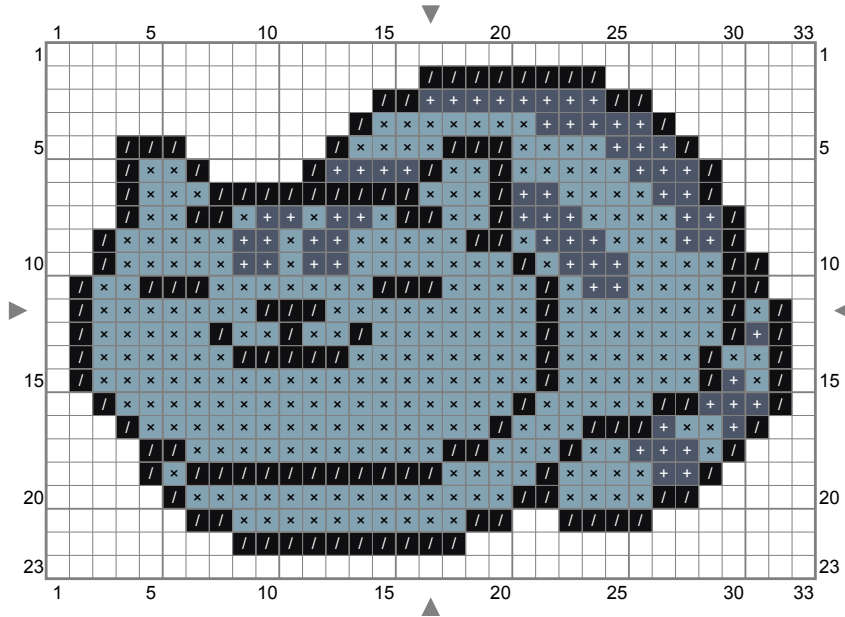
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