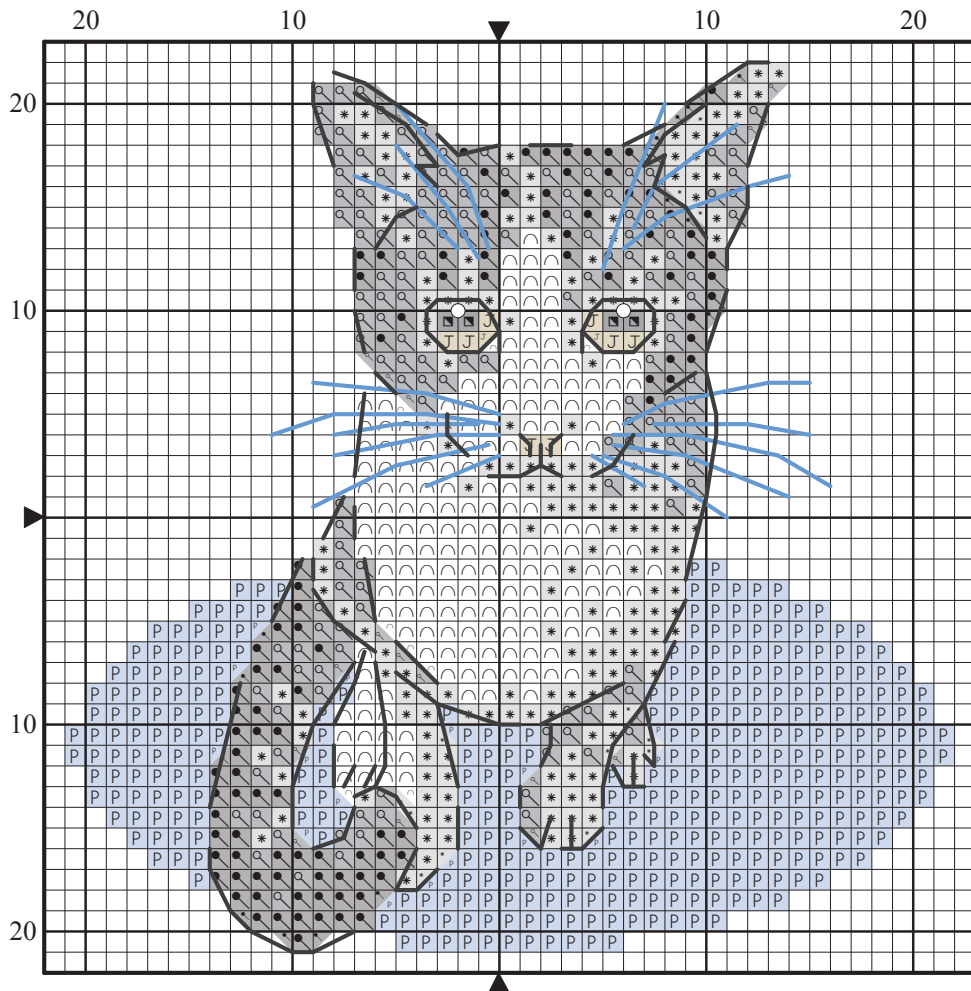




Q I have a grey domestic shorthair cat called Theo, who's named after my husband's football mascot. He was rescued by a lady who saw him being thrown out of a car – she gave him to Blue Cross, where we got him. He made so much noise we just had to have him – it was as if he chose us! Theo looks a lot like Felix from the TV adverts, with a very pink nose. He's a big cat, and so affectionate and playful. Please can you create a chart so I can make a unique Christmas card? Thanks so much!

Barbara Clark, Basingstoke

A Durene says: Thanks for your request, Barbara. I hope you like this design of Theo – he looks quite a character! I've picked out the delicate dark and light grey markings across his chest, legs and head, and designed his gorgeous whiskers in white backstitch. I've added a French knot in white thread to each eye to give them a cheeky sparkle, and I've also tried to capture that beseeching expression that a cat who wants something (usually food) does so effectively! I can see why you had to have him – he's won me over, too!

Grey and white cat key

✕ Cross stitch in two strands

	DMC	Anchor	Madeira	
∩	B5200	1	2401	white
■	317	400	1809	dark grey
■	414	235	1714	grey
*	415	398	1802	light grey
J	642	903	1905	stone grey
P	809	130	909	blue
■	3799	236	1713	very dark grey

✕ Backstitch in one strand

—	B5200	1	2401	white
—	3799	236	1713	very dark grey

✕ French knots in one strand

○	B5200	1	2401	white
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STITCH COUNT 43 high x 43 wide

DESIGN AREA 14 HPI (28-count evenweave) – 8x8cm (3x3in)

This design was stitched using DMC stranded cotton

