

No Book...

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The Chocolate Cat

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Design size: 81H x 36W

Fabric: Model is stitched on 32-ct Antique Tan linen

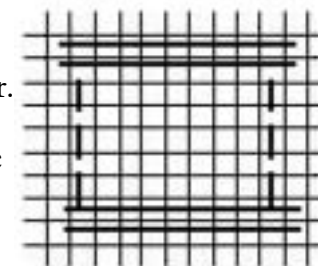
Symbol	DMC
■	310 3831 3835 3842 3848
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X	3859 3861

Stitches marked by symbols are to be cross stitched using two strands of floss. (The small lines around the cat's head are quarter stitches — one small stitch from the corner to the center.)

Satin stitch the books using two strands of floss. From the left, the colors used are: 3835, 3848, 3858, 3861, 3831, and the book under the cat is stitched with 3842. The books are spaced so there is one fabric thread between each book.

If you have trouble getting the two floss strands to lie side by side for a satiny look, there are a couple of different things you can try. First, you might try stitching with one strand of floss, but making each stitch twice. Some stitchers find that this makes it easier to control where each thread lies. You might also try "railroading" your stitches (this works on cross stitches, too.) After you bring the needle and thread to the front side of the fabric, put your needle between the two strands before putting it through the fabric to the back side. This keeps the threads from twisting together as you pull the floss from front to back.

When I stitched the model, I left out some of the stitches on the left hand book, and stitched my initials and the year. I also backstitched the edges on the right and left of my "signature" one thread inside the satin stitches, to make the backstitching and satin stitches line up, as shown in the diagram at right.



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