

## Blackwork Cushion



This pattern may be made into a picture or a cushion (as shown above).

### Materials:

- 32hpi fabric (approx. 1 3/4" square is suggested) plus backing fabric of your choice.
- Black, stranded thread
- A small amount of toy stuffing (if making into a cushion)

The pattern is 27 stitches square (The finished cushions measure 1 1/4"/3cm approx. when stitched on 32hpi fabric).

Find the middle of your piece of fabric by folding it in half horizontally and then vertically. The centre of the design is marked on the chart by small arrows

**Stitching:** Most of the design is worked in *Holbein* stitch. This is a normal running stitch, coming up through one hole and down through the next. When a row or shape is complete, stitch back along the row filling the gaps.

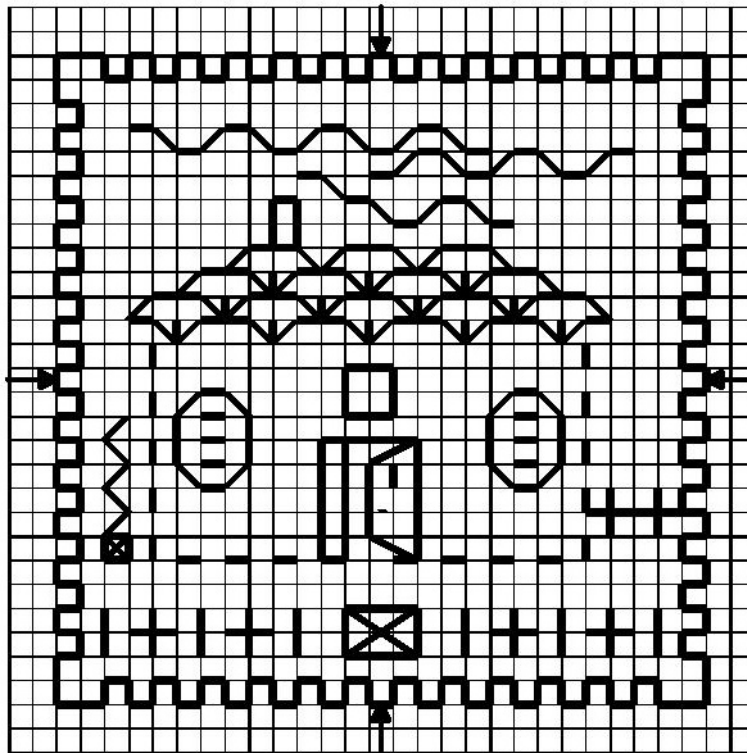
Using a single strand of the black thread stitch the border following the chart. Remember to count and check your work frequently. Next stitch the house, followed by the remainder of the picture.

Try to avoid taking the thread across blank areas of the design on the reverse as these may show through when the picture is completed.

**To make up your cushion:** Place the finished design face down onto the backing fabric and stitch around three sides 1/8" away from the pattern border. Trim the fabric and turn the cushion to the right side; lightly stuff, turn in ends and use 'ladder stitch' to sew up the last side.

*(N.B. The pattern on the chart is slightly different from the finished example shown.)*





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