

Halloween Cat Placemat

A dollar-store transformation

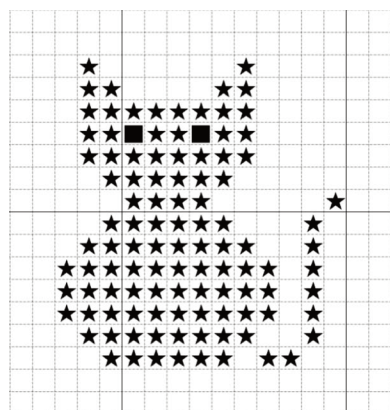
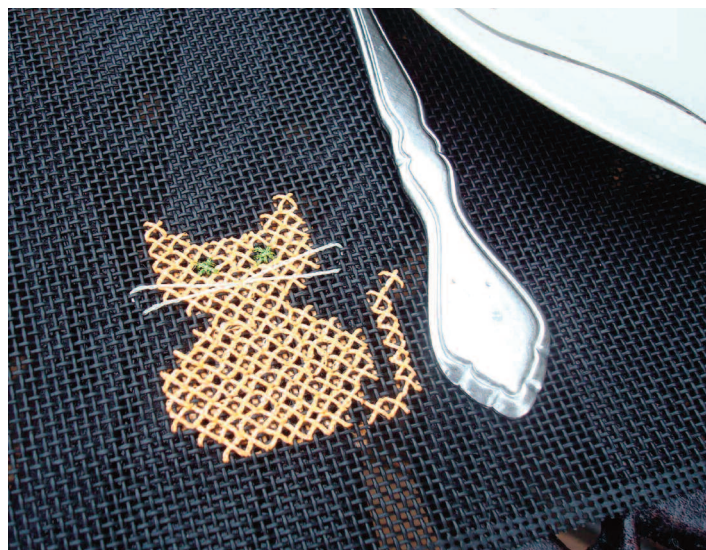
Skill level: for all

Time: about an hour

We found this blank black mesh placemat at a dollar store and thought it was a perfect base for cross-stitching. You can easily follow the grid just like you would on Aida. You can also look for mesh "fabric" in fabric stores, or use screen, etc.

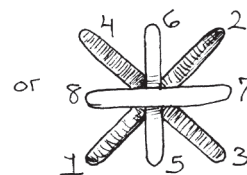
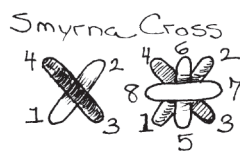
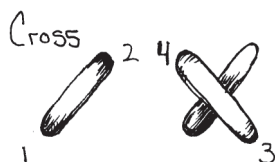
Materials needed:

- black mesh placemat
- Kreinik metallic threads in a size to fit your placemat. For instance, we used Tapestry #12 Braid, a slightly thicker braid size since the mesh had large holes
- large-eye embroidery or tapestry needle



Instructions:

Cross stitch the cat design — or your own pattern — on your black mesh. We used glow-in-the-dark 051F Tangerine to cross stitch the cat, 052F Grapefruit for straight-stitch whiskers, and 015 Chartreuse for Smyrna cross eyes.



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