



Crewel Embroidered Bed Hangings

Medium

Plied crewel wool yarn and plied silk thread on linen and linen / cotton grounds

Description

A set of bed hangings comprised of nine pieces, including a headcloth, two side panels, a coverlet, two side valances, a foot valance, one side skirt panel, and a foot skirt panel, all on plain woven linen and linen/cotton ground. The nine pieces are worked in plied wool crewel yarns, ranging from fine to heavy, in more than 25 colors, including black, midnight blue, medium blue, pale blue, dark green, medium green, pale green, scarlet, rose, salmon, pale pink, dark brown, medium brown, golden brown, ochre yellow, lemon yellow, russet, tan, and off white. Several types of two-color plied yarns appear, in

brown and tan and blue and tan. Stitches are varied, and include bullion, trimmed Ghiordes knot, Roumanian couching, stem, split, satin, padded satin, long-armed cross, and French knots. The side and foot valances are shaped. The headcloth, coverlet, and both side panels have been altered with the addition of 3 7/8" strips of linen sewn to the left and right edges of the original panels, then embroidered with continuations of the original crewel work floral and foliate vines in slightly different but noticeable wool yarns. The set is missing the second side skirt panel.

Dimensions

1988.677a Foot Valence: 27 × 65.63 in. (68.6 × 166.7 cm) 1988.677b Side Valence: 13.25 × 86.38 in. (33.7 × 219.4 cm) 1988.677c Side Valence: 13.13 × 86.75 in. (33.3 × 220.3 cm) 1988.677d Foot Skirt: 12.88 × 63.75 in. (32.7 × 161.9 cm) 1988.677e Side Skirt: 13 × 87.75 in. (33 × 222.9 cm) 1988.677f Side Curtain: 88.13 × 45.75 in. (223.8 × 116.2 cm) 1988.677g Side Curtain: 85.63 × 45.75 in. (217.5 × 116.2 cm) 1988.677h Headcloth: 86 × 61.5 in. (218.4 × 156.2 cm) 1988.677i Coverlet: 85.25 × 80.5 in. (216.5 × 204.5 cm)