

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Medium

Linen, silk thread

Description

A relatively narrow sampler on natural unbleached linen worked in cross and satin stitches in plied silk thread in shades of green, rose, ice blue, white, tan, and dark brown. The top third of the sampler features a motto entitled "Virtue," which reads "Virtue's the Chieft Beauty of the mind / The noblest Ornament of Humankind / Virtues our Safeguard and our guiding Star / That lifts up Reason when our Sense err." The inscription makes use of the letter "f" in place of "s" in many cases. The sampler maker enclosed her name and age, "Penelope Creed / Her Work in the / 9 Year of her age" in a simple rectangular border. Along the bottom third of the sampler, a garden scene includes two stylized triangular pine trees atop which perch a pair of doves, floral baskets, tiny little grass clumps, and elongated floral vines. An angular strawberry vine runs along the sides and top of the sampler.

Dimensions

Framed: 16 × 12 in. (40.6 × 30.5 cm)