Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Elizabeth Taylor

Medium

Fine plied silk thread on linen

Description

An elongated rectangular sampler of gauzy natural linen embroidered in fine plied silk thread in black, pale blue, pale caramel brown, and off-white. Several stitches are used, including cross, Algerian eyelet, box, and queenstitch. All four edges of the linen are hemmed. Along the top of the sampler runs a flowing floral and foliate border reminiscent of paisley. Below the top border, the entire sampler contains twenty rows of alphabets, verse, and signature lines. The first three rows contain a half-inch upper case alphabet, with A through M on the first line, N through X on the second line, and Y and Z on the third line, immediately followed by numerals 1 through 9 and 0, with the intials "E T" at the end. The next four lines contain a large 3/4 inch upper case alphabet,

with A through H, I through P, Q through W, a second W through Z, immediately followed by letters A and B. Below these alphabets is the verse "MI [sic] HEART WITH WEEP / ING IS DISTREST [sic] MY EY /ES WITH TEARS RUN DO / WN NO SYMPATHISEING / HART [sic] CAN TELL THE F / EELING OF A MIND YE S / HRUBS AND PLANTS YE / CANNOT WEEP NOR HE / AR A SOAL [sic] COMPLAIN / ELIZABETH TAYLOR DAUGHTER OF WI / LLIAM AND MARY TAYLOR WAS BORN D [sic] / DECEMBER THE 12 1804 E . T. HER . SAMPLER." Along the bottom is worked a final half-inch upper case alphabet in a single row, from A through H.

Dimensions

16.88 \times 9.63 in. (42.9 \times 24.4 cm)