

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Elizabeth VanDerveer

Medium

Plied wool thread on linen

Description

A large rectangular sampler worked on a sturdy linen ground in plied wool thread in bright shades of red, pink, sage green, olive green, dark green, medium blue, pale yellow, tan (which may have originally been purple), black, and cream white. Embroidery stitches include cross, satin, and Algerian eyelet. The upper half of the sampler includes five separate alphabets on eight lines, beginning with a half-inch upper case alphabet from A to Z, with Z worked backwards, a 7/8 inch upper case

cursive alphabet from A to Z, ending with numerals 1 through 9 and 0, a one-inch satin-stitched upper case alphabet from A to Z, with Z worked backwards, a one-inch eyelet-stitched upper case alphabet from A To Y, and a one-inch lower case alphabet from a to z. A variety of linear borders separates the alphabet lines and are worked in cross, herringbone, and cross stitches. The lower half of the sampler includes a large central full-blown rose spray flanked by two rose wreaths. Below these motifs is the inscription "Elizabeth VanDerveer / aged 10 years / Freehold June 8th 1851," flanked on the left by a lily spray and on the right by a cluster of morning glories. A strawberry vine border runs along all four sides.

Dimensions

Sight: 24.75 × 19.38 in. (62.9 × 49.2 cm)