

# Basic Detail Report

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## Sampler

### Primary Maker

Hannah Dorset Taylor

### Medium

Embroidered silk on linen

### Description

This sampler's upper two-thirds is divided into three complete alphabets. The top alphabet is worked in small upper case letters, with the addition of the multiplication sum "2 x 2 = 4" to fill the leftover space. A small lower case alphabet takes up a single line. The bottom alphabet is worked in large upper case letters in shades of dark and pale blue, red, white, pale yellow, olive green, and white. Below the alphabets is the inscription reading "Hannah D. Taylors work 1811." The lower third of the sampler depicts a hilly landscape. Atop a central hill stands a white

turreted structure, possibly a memorial, framed by a pair of trees. At right, a large and elaborate four-story white building features two towers topped with domes and spires. Additional trees and shrubbery dot the deep green grassy landscape, and a single small white bird perches on the foremost tree. An acorn and strawberry border is worked in shades of green, red, white, pale blue, and yellow. Along the outside of the embroidered border is a narrow edging of drawn work, done by judiciously pulling and gathering the linen threads to create patterned spaces. All embroidered work is done using either cross or Algerian eyelet stitching.

### Dimensions

Sight: 22.63 × 16 in. (57.5 × 40.6 cm)