

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Mary Wadsworth

Medium

Plied silk thread on linen

Description

A square sampler on open weave brown linen, worked in cross stitch and a single eyelet stitch. The embroidery is done with plied silk thread in black, dark green, medium green, light green, medium blue, bright blue, pale blue, scarlet, ochre, golden brown, and off white. At the top of the sampler is a verse reading "Lord Jesus who shall give me Wings / Of faith and perfect Love / That I may mount from earthly Things / And Rest with thee Above."

Several small motifs flank either side of the verse, including a pine tree, a pair of birds, and small panel elements. A wide variety of motifs are scattered about the middle portion of the sampler, including a naturalistic floral spray with a ribbon bow at left, a feather star above a pair of pigeons, a stylized floral blossom in a formal urn, a pair of small butterflies, and two crowns. The lower third of the sampler includes a pictorial scene, with a large tree in which a partridge or similar bird perches. On either side of the tree, two elegantly dressed little men, with top hats, coattails and walking sticks, stand near a pair of dogs tied to stylized floral shrubs. Dark green silk is worked as a grassy band beneath the scene. A stylized floral vine repeat band forms a border around all four sides of the sampler.

Dimensions

Sight: 17 × 15.75 in. (43.2 × 40 cm)