

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Hannah E. Dutton

Medium

Plied wool thread on lightweight linen

Description

A rectangular sampler of lightweight, closely woven linen with selvedge edges along the left and right edges, and narrow hems along the top and bottom edges. The sampler includes a wide variety of brightly colored fine plied wool threads in black, dark green, light olive green, pale green, sky blue, pale blue, brick red, scarlet, rose, coral, pale pink, russet, purple, lilac, light orange, lemon yellow, and white all worked in tent stitch. At the top,

bottom, left and right, as mirror images, are large central ovoid floral sprays. In all four corners are floral sprays that depict poinsettias and pansies. In the upper half of the sampler, a large floral and foliate wreath encircles a pair of mirror image pale blue birds. Between the top floral motif and the wreath are placed two robed classical female figures, two perching birds, and a small central floral basket. Below the wreath are two fluttering butterflies above a small landscape scene that depicts a small cottage, trees, and a snow-covered mountain in the distance. A tiny female figure in the right foreground kneels beside a small monument or tombstone surmounted by a cross. Flanking the landscape scene are two bee skeps surrounded by buzzing bees.

Dimensions

20.25 × 17.38 in. (51.4 × 44.1 cm)