

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Deborah Craft

Medium

Plied silk thread on rough linen

Description

A small square sampler, crudely hemmed along the left, top, and right sides and with the original selvedge edge along the bottom, worked in plied silk thread in black, dark green, medium blue, medium blue-green, red, rose, light pink, and pale yellow. All the embroidery stitching is

done in cross stitch. The sampler centers upon a bold stylized floral spray with red and pink buds, set in a small red basket. Below the spray is a two-handled pink basket piled with flowers. Two birds, one pink and one blue, perch alertly on the basket's handles. Smaller floral elements, including a naturalistic rose blossom, a small wavy tulip, a second smaller floral bud and basket, and a small floral bud spray flank the two central motifs. Below the motif grouping is embroidered in black the signature "Deborah Craft 16." Immediately above the signature and number is a broken line of tiny cross stitches in black thread, possibly the remnants of a little border. Two more small black stitched remnants, possibly of letters, are visible above the "t" in "Craft." Signature and motifs are enclosed within a square created by a single band of cross stitching. A wide wavy floral and foliate border surrounds the central elements. Along the edges of the sampler is worked a small border of cross stitching. A portion of this edging along the top indicates that the embroidery was done prior to hemming. This suggests that the linen panel was not stretched or mounted prior to embroidery, but the raw edges of the linen were folded and hemmed after completion. A number of loose threads from the simple running stitches along the hems are visible.

Dimensions

8 × 8.5 in. (20.3 × 21.6 cm)