

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Catherine Gracey

Medium

Plied silk thread on brown linen

Description

A rectangular sampler of open weave rough brown linen, worked in plied silk thread in dark green, pale grass green, pale mint green, turquoise blue, sky blue, pale cerise, medium brown, golden tan, and off white. All embroidery is done in cross stitch only. Six rows of alphabets are worked on the majority of the linen. On the first two rows runs a half-inch upper case alphabet in double letter format, from AA to LL, MM to WW on the second line, and XX to ZZ on the third line. Immediately following is a numeral run, from 1 through 17. On the fourth line is worked a half-inch lower case alphabet, from a to z, with a final ampersand spacer. On the fifth and sixth lines runs a three-quarter inch upper case italic alphabet, from A to O and then P to Z, with a second upper case letter "A" as a final spacer element. A variety of cross stitch bands separate each alphabet row, including a striking blue and white scallop repeat band. Below the final alphabet run is worked a large stylized scroll band. The inscription line "Catharine Gracey August 26 18-- 2345" runs along the bottom of the sampler panel. A tiny open diamond motif separates the maker's last name from the month, while a small letter "x" separates "26" from the year. Three miniscule dots serve as a final spacer between the year and the last run of numerals. A second stylized wave scroll band appears below the inscription line. A narrow single cross stitch line forms a border along all four edges of the linen panel.

Dimensions

9 × 14 in. (22.9 × 35.6 cm)