

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Elizabeth A. Leonard

Medium

Plied silk thread on linen

Description

Worked on natural linen ground, this square sampler is embroidered in plied silk thread in dark green, medium green, pale green, sky blue, bright red, salmon, pale pink, brown, and off-white, all in cross stitch. Along the top of the sampler runs an upper case alphabet, with A through U on the first line, and V through Z centered on the

second line. A lower case alphabet flanks V through Z, with a through p at left and q through z and an ampersand at right. Below the alphabet is the signature line "Elizabeth A Leonard / Aged 10 Years." The signature is flanked on both sides by mirror images of a perching blue bird atop a sturdy tree stump. Below is a placid landscape scene, with a leafy tree depicted in the center of the scene. In the background, a church or other formal public building is at left, while a simple house with a smoking chimney can be seen at right. The structures nestle in a grassy setting, with a small stream and ornamental bridge in the foreground. Small floral sprays flank both buildings. Above each building is a two-handled floral basket motif. Single small motifs are worked within the sky, including blue flowers and tiny crosshatch diamond elements. A wide floral vine, depicting full-blown roses, borders the entire sampler. A single row of cross stitch is worked along the very edges of the linen panel. The linen panel itself is hemmed along the left and right edges with the selvedge edge visible along the top and bottom edges.

Dimensions

Sight: 17.5 × 17 in. (44.5 × 43.2 cm)