

Basic Detail Report



Embroidered Picture

Primary Maker

Mary E. Forman

Medium

Plied wool thread on linen

Description

A richly colored and boldly patterned Berlin wool work square on sturdy linen, worked in vibrant shades of bright red, brick red, russet red, dark green, olive green, medium green, dark blue, medium blue, sky blue, pale pink, rose, deep pink, lilac, purple, gray, and cream white plied wool yarns. The sampler centers on a large floral

arrangement including roses, morning glories, forget-me-nots, and carnations, with two small butterflies. Above the central motif is worked a rampant eagle perched atop a branch. Beneath the floral center is the signature line, worked in bright pink, "M. E. Forman. / 1847." A florid border surrounds the central motifs and includes roses, pansies, and forget-me-nots amid feathered branches and leaves. The entire ground fabric is worked in cream white wool. Along the narrow hemmed edges of the the linen ground, fine red silk thread creates a tiny pulled-thread border around the wool work. The panel was originally framed and retains evidence of old brad holes with accompanying dark staining.

Dimensions

17 × 17.5 in. (43.2 × 44.5 cm)