

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Mary Ann Disbrow

Medium

Plied silk thread on linen

Description

A square sampler of gauzy dark brown linen, tacked to its original narrow pine strainer assembly, embroidered in plied silk thread in black, medium green, sky blue, golden yellow, tan, and off white. Cross stitch is mainly used, with two small areas worked in Algerian eyelet stitch. Centered

along the top portion of the panel is a verse reading "A blushing Rose, so sweet and fair, / In all its beauty, caught my view; / But straight it vanish'd into air, / And in its place a Berry grew." Below the verse, inside an ovoid floral wreath, is the signature "Mary Ann Disbrow / Trenton / 1828." On either side of the verse and signature are pairs of triangular bracket elements, single feathered star motifs, and a large floral spray. Below the signature wreath is centered a handled floral basket, flanked on either side by small sprays of blue and white flowers and larger pairs of sprawling floral sprays. On the bottom portion of the sampler is centered a sturdy one-story house, with tall, narrow windows and centered front door. The hipped roof includes two dormer windows and is topped by two chimneys. A small picket fence brackets the house on either side. The house rests atop a grassy hill, with pairs of leafy trees on either side. In the foreground, a variety of birds and animals are depicted, including two small dogs, a pair of black chickens, a mirrored pair of blue birds, and two woolly sheep. Pairs of feathered stars float in the sky above the house. A scalloped meandering floral vine borders all four edges of the sampler panel.

Dimensions

19.75 × 21 in. (50.2 × 53.3 cm)