

Embroidered Pocketbook

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Medium Silk, cardboard, linen, and cotton tape

Description

A pocketbook constructed of sturdy canvas over soft cardboard, lined with olive green silk. The canvas is

embroidered entirely in plied silk thread in well-worked Queen stitch in shades of rich brick red, bright forest green, sage green, lemon yellow, and oyster white. Narrow woven natural color linen binding runs along all outer edges of the pocketbook. The attached shaped front flap retains a portion of its original twill woven cotton tape. The pocketbook opens to reveal three separate accordion compartments separated by thin cardboard dividers covered in olive green silk. Wedge shaped olive green silk panels form gussets between all three compartments. Immediately below the top edge of the front panel is worked the name and date "HANNAH CRAWFORD / 1785."

Dimensions

 $4 \times 7.5 \times 0.5$ in. (10.2 × 19.1 × 1.3 cm)