

# Basic Detail Report

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## Sampler

### Medium

Plied cotton thread on linen

### Description

This simple square sampler contains eight separate alphabets in both upper and lower case, ranging from a large, bold one-inch high alphabet to a tiny half-inch upper case alphabet. A string of numerals from 1 through 9 and 0 and "f" [s] combinations "ff," "fs," "fi," and "fh" are also included. All alphabets are worked in dark brown (probably originally black) cross and Algerian eyelet stitches on a relatively rough unbleached linen ground

fabric. The linen is hemmed along the top, right, and bottom edges, while the left side is the selvedge edge. The initials "J L" are worked in blue cross stitch beneath all alphabets, and the inscription "ANNABELLA LAING BOARDING SCHOOL" is worked along the bottom of the sampler. A single letter "F" is stitched above the letter "a" in "Boarding," and an embroidery fragment line is visible slightly above the "S" in "School," possibly an unfinished element by the maker. A simple cross stitched meander border runs along all four edges.

### Dimensions

15.5 × 15.13 in. (39.4 × 38.4 cm)