



Sampler Practice Piece

Medium

Plied silk thread on linen

Description

A small rectangular panel comprised of twenty-four separate motifs worked in plied silk threads in dark green, medium green, apple green, dull red, deep salmon pink, rose, pale pink, off white, lemon yellow, sky blue, tan, and pale russet. Virtually all embroidery is done in cross stitch, with several small elements worked in Queen stitch. The

linen panel retains its selvedge along the left edge, and has been hemmed along the top, right, and bottom edges. In the center of the panel is a large and bold rose spray with three buds and deep green leaves. A variety of additional elements are scattered about the linen and include several small Queen stitch strawberries, a bluebird, a large bird perched atop a set of steps, and a variety of little stylized floral blossoms. The panel's maker appears to have worked her stitches on the linen prior to hemming, as a portion of the meander and leaf border in the extreme upper left corner is folded over into the hem itself.

Dimensions

8.25 × 10 in. (21 × 25.4 cm)