



Sampler Practice Piece

Medium

Plied silk thread on linen

Description

A rectangular sampler practice piece of open weave natural linen, with a selvedge on the right side, a raw edge at left, a narrow hem along the top edge, and an uneven and slanting hem along the bottom edge. Five

motifs are worked in plied silk thread in medium green, grass green, steel blue, rosy tan, red, pale pink, and light blue. Embroidery stitches include cross and tent. At left, a bird, possibly a mourning dove, stands near a floral vine. A large floral basket is worked in the upper right area of the linen panel above a small single floral element. Naturalistic bluebells are embroidered in the lower right corner. The small single floral element was left unfinished and retains lengths of the green, red, and pink embroidery silk threads.

Dimensions

5 × 8.63 in. (12.7 × 21.9 cm)