

Basic Detail Report



Sampler

Primary Maker

Ann Hornby

Medium

Plied and flat silk thread on linen

Description

A rectangular sampler on medium weight linen with selvedge edges along the top and bottom and narrow hems on the left and right sides. Both plied and flat silk threads are worked in cross and satin stitches in black, blue-green, pale grass green, scarlet, russet, light golden brown, pale yellow, and off white. A verse appears in the top portion of the sampler within a narrow border, reading "PRAISE FOR MERCIES / When eer I take my Walks abaroad / How many Poor I see; What shall / I render to my Lord For all his Gifts / To me not more than others I deserve / Yet God hath given me more / For I have Food While others starve / Or beg from Door to Door." On the lower portion of the sampler, a two story house, with hipped roof, two dormer windows, and a pair of chimneys, rests atop broad steps on a grassy lawn. A picket fence flanks the house on either side and runs along the bottom of the lawn. To the left of the house, set within a narrow border, is a second verse reading "Love the Lord / And He WILL Be / A tender Father / Unto Thee." To the right, an additional verse, also within a narrow border, reads "I will bless God / And him adoor [sic] / From this time / And Fore evermore." Above each verse are pairs of diamond motifs. Below the house and lawn is the inscription "Ann Hornby's Work done in the 11th year of her age 1806 or 8." A blocky vine borders all four edges of the sampler, featuring alternating strawberries and stylized flower blossoms.

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Dimensions

20.75 × 17.13 in. (52.7 × 43.5 cm)