

Basic Detail Report



Sampler Practice Piece

Medium

Plied silk and cotton threads on linen

Description

A rectangular practice panel in rough open weave brown linen. All four edges are hemmed, with the bottom edge folded over only once and showing the selvedge edge.

The embroidery is done solely in cross stitch in both plied silk and plied cotton threads in black, medium green, olive green, sage green, light brown, ecru, red, bright pink, medium blue, lavender, pale lemon yellow, and off white. The motifs are varied and scattered and include an octagonal lozenge containing a swan, a weeping willow, and three small flying birds or insects. A naturalistic blue floral spray is worked to the left of the swan, with additional floral elements below and to the right of the octagon. A spreading strawberry vine appears in the lower left corner. In the lower right corner, a graceful white swan floats beside an arching floral branch. A bold pine tree is worked immediately to the left of the white swan. Several strawberry and floral repeat band samples are worked in the upper right portion of the linen. A Greek key band runs along the left, bottom, and right sides. An examination of the hemmed areas reveal that after the embroidered motifs were completed, the piece was hemmed on all four sides, with a piece of pale blue soft paper cut to fit as a lining or backing and sewn in place under all four hems.

Dimensions

7 × 12.38 in. (17.8 × 31.4 cm)