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Title Crazy Quilt

Date 1880-1890

Primary Maker Ellen Rebecca Smyth

Medium Hand-stitched silk and velvet; chenille and silk embroidery; taffeta

Description Crazy quilt consisting of thirty square blocks. Each block consists of irregularly shaped pieces of fabric that are foundation-pieced, or hand-stitched onto a backing; each block is then hand-stitched together. Fabrics in the quilt

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include silk, velvet, voided velvets, and ciselé, or cut and uncut velvets; the crazy

quilt also incorporates ribbon. The crazy quilt is further decorated with

embroidery where the fabric is joined and chenille and silk embroidered

designs, such as human figures, a horseshoe, flowers, a butterfly, a fan and a

cauldron. Each side of the top is edged with a wide border of red satin-woven

silk. The backing is red taffeta. Condition: The crazy quilt is in excellent

condition.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 63 1/2 x 54in. (161.3 x 137.2cm)