

Title Reticule

Date about 1800-1825

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched and embroidered cotton

Description White cotton drawstring bag with white cotton embroidery. The bag

is constructed with a rectangular top, seamed on both sides, and a bottom piece

Basic Detail Report

which is gathered by whipping for about 3 1/2 inches in the center, stitched to a triangular center panel with a rounded bottom edge, thus creating the rounded bottom of the bag. This triangular center panel overlaps the top piece and is tacked down at its apex. The corners of the triangle are decorated with white cotton tassels. Two more tassels are stitched at the bottom of the side seams. The embroidery designs are of leaf and floral sprays. The triangluar panel is embroidered with star-like motifs. Embroidery stitches include satin, French knot, bullion, and outline. The white cotton cord drawstring exits the casing at each side and is finished with two tassels. The cord is knotted in a loop to either side of the tassel. Compare with 1976.48.2

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 8 3/4 x 8 5/8in. (22.2 x 21.9cm)