

Basic Detail Report



Title Sampler

Date 1808

Primary Maker Anna Dimmick

Medium Embroidery; silk thread on a plain-woven, undyed linen ground

Description Sampler worked in dark brown silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches over two threads. The sampler is squarish, oriented vertically. It is laid out with six rows of three alphabets, over the numbers 1 through 9 followed by a zero, over two inscriptions at the bottom. The first inscription is "Anna Dimmick Mansfield". The second inscription is "October 19

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1808". The lines of alphabets, numbers, and text are separated by various

narrow borders, including straight and meandering lines. The sampler has a four-

sided meandering border. The sampler has a 1/8 inch double-turned hem on all

four edges. Letters and Numbers: There are three alphabets and the numbers 1-

9, which are followed by a zero. The letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1,

lowercase block in alphabet 2, and uppercase script in alphabet 3. The letter J is

present in the first alphabet only; the letter U is present in all alphabets. M is

repeated in the first alphabet. All lowercase letters with descenders, such as the

letter 'g', are placed so the descender does not extend below the baseline.

Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross stitch over two threads. Condition: The

sampler probably has minimal fading. There is some staining.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of frame): 9 1/2 x 9 1/2in. (24.1 x

24.1cm) Primary Dimensions (height x width inside frame): 8 1/2 x 8 1/2in. (21.6 x

21.6cm) Primary Dimensions (height x width of ground): 7 3/4 x 7 1/2in. (19.7 x

19.1cm)