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Title Sampler

Date 1780

Primary Maker Deborah Bradley

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

Description Marking sampler worked in medium blue, medium brown, light brown, light blue, dark blue, dark brown, and gray-green green silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross and other stitches. The sampler is squarish, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with eight rows of two alphabets and the numbers 1 through 12, over an inscription at the bottom. The inscription is "Deborah Bradley 1780". The lines of alphabets, numbers, and text are

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separated by various narrow borders, including straight and meandering lines.

The sampler has a narrow, four-sided border consisting of a queen-stitched border at the bottom and a chain-stitched outline on the top and the sides. The bottom edge is reinforced with buttonhole stitches. The sampler has a 2/8-inch double-turned hem on the top and side edges. The bottom edges may be a selvedge. The sampler is not framed. Letters and Numbers: There are two alphabets and the numbers 1-12. The letters are uppercase block in both alphabets. The letters J and U are not present in either alphabet. Twenty-three letters are repeated twice in the second alphabet; only the letter Y is not repeated. Text is done in initial caps. Stitches: The principal stitch on the sampler is cross stitch over two threads; it is also worked in cross stitch (over one), chain, Algerian eye, queen, closed herringbone, rice stitches, zigzag, and buttonhole stitches. Condition: There is a large stain near the left edge of the sampler. There is thread loss to certain areas. There is minimal fading. The sampler is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 7 x 7 1/2in. (17.8 x 19.1cm)