

# Basic Detail Report



## Title Sampler

Date early 19th century

Primary Maker Catharine G. Coombs

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

Description Marking sampler worked in rust, dark blue, and medium brown silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches over two threads.

The sampler is rectangular, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with four rows of three alphabets and the numbers 1 through 7, over an inscription. The inscription is "Catharine G C[oombs]". A horizontal meandering line separates the two alphabets. There is a four-sided narrow border, which is not complete at the bottom border. The sampler has a 2/8-inch double-turned hem on the top and bottom edges, and selvages on both sides. The sampler is not framed.

Letters and Numbers: There are three alphabets plus one additional individual letter, and the numbers 1-7. 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 and second alphabets; the letter U is present in all alphabets. The additional letter is uppercase script W. The third alphabet is missing letters

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GHIJKLMNOPQR. There are visible pencil marks on the ground where the maker

was to work her last name. Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross stitches over

two threads. Condition: The sampler has at least one large stain (at E in first

alphabet). The sampler has minimal fading. The sampler is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 6 3/4 x 17 3/8in. (17.1 x 44.1cm)