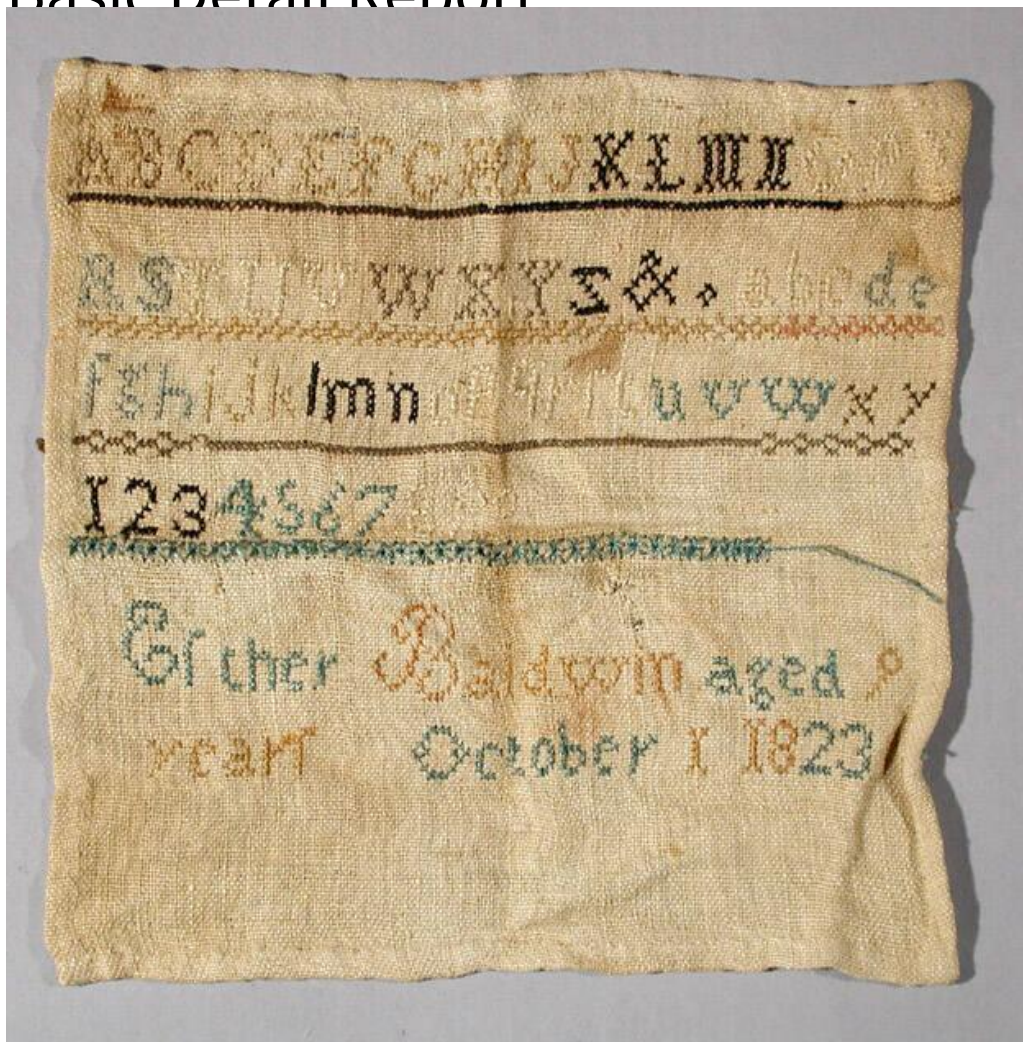


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## Title Sampler

Date 1823

Primary Maker Esther Baldwin

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

Description Marking sampler worked in medium blue, medium brown, dark brown, medium gray-brown, light brown, cream, and pink silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross and other stitches. The sampler is square. It is laid out with four rows of two alphabets and the numbers 1 through 9 followed by a zero, over an inscription. The inscription is "Esther Baldwin aged 9/ years October 1 1823". Certain lines of alphabets, numbers, and text are

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

There is no border on the top or sides of the sampler. The sampler has a 2/8-inch

double-turned hem on all four edges. The sampler is not framed. Letters and

Numbers: There are two alphabets and the numbers 1-9 followed by a zero. The

letters are uppercase block in alphabet 1, and lowercase block in alphabet 2.

The letters J and U are present in both alphabets. The letter Z is backwards in

the first alphabet; the second alphabet ends in "y". The embroiderer uses long

the 's'. Stitches: The principal stitch on the sampler is cross stitch over two

threads; it is also worked in long-arm cross (or herringbone) and Algerian eye

stitches. Condition: The sampler has several stains, especially in the center and

at the top right. The ground has split to the lower right of center. There is some

color bleed. There is a visible 4-way crease. The sampler has minimal fading. It is

not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 7 1/4 x 7 1/4in. (18.4 x 18.4cm)