

Basic Detail Report

Title Man's Pocketbook

Date 1771

Primary Maker Ebenezer Punderson

Medium Hand-stitched wool and metallic thread embroidery on (probably linen) canvas, lined with silk, and with interior compartments made of cardboard covered with silk

Description Canvaswork pocketbook, crewel yarns in shades of red to pink, cream, yellow, and gold, shades of green and blue in a design reminiscent of abstract carnations arranged in rows. (The stitched design of echoed shapes in varying shades is known today as "bargello.") When open, the pocketbook features two opposing compartments, each split in two across the width by a cardboard divider covered with silk. The entire pocketbook is lined with this pale blue silk (which has a group of three narrow woven stripes--it was perhaps once a handkerchief, and these stripes were along the edge), and is edged with blue cotton tape. The sides are accordian-pleated cream-colored silk. Along the top of one of the interior compartments is worked the name "Ebenezer Punderson" and the date "1771" in metallic thread.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width open): 8 1/8 x 7 3/4in. (20.6 x 19.7cm)