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Title Sampler

Date 1810-1811

Primary Maker Lucy Kirby Beckley

Medium Cross-stitched linen and silk

Description Marking sampler worked in light brown and dark brown silk threads on a plain-woven linen ground using cross stitches. The sampler is rectangular, oriented horizontally. It is laid out with five rows of two alphabets, the numbers 1 through 9 followed by a zero, and an inscription, over an inscription. The first inscription is "Lucy Kirby Beckley marked in the 10th year of her age". The second inscription is "Teach me to feel another woe To hide the fault I see". There are two marking motifs resembling baskets or the letter W; there are at least two diamond designs. The lines of alphabets are separated by narrow

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straight borders. There is a four-sided narrow zig-zag border. The sampler has a 1/8-inch single-turned hem on the top, left, and bottom edges, and a selvedge on the right side. 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. Six letters are repeated twice in the first alphabet: ACEMNT; the letter S is in triplicate. The letters "de" are not present in the second alphabet. The "s" in "Beckleys" is unusually small; the "ee" in "see" is small as well. Stitches: The sampler is worked in cross stitches over two threads and cross stitches over one thread. Condition: The edges are raw in some places. The sampler has light fading. The sampler is not framed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 8 5/8 x 10 3/4in. (21.9 x 27.3cm)