

Basic Detail Report

Title Dress Fragment

Date about 1732

Primary Maker Mary Meyers

Medium Hand-stitched embroidery; crewel wool on plain-woven linen

Description Dress fragment consisting of two skirt panels hand-stitched with crewel, or two-ply worsted wool, on a plain-woven linen ground. The wool on the skirt panels displays many colors, including red; light and medium pink; light, medium and dark green; blue-green; yellow and white. Each dress panel embroidered with vertically-oriented meandering vines out of which emerge various leaves, flowers and fruit. A small bird is perched on one of the vines in the left panel. Each dress panel is rectangular, oriented vertically; they are hand-stitched together at the center of the dress fragment. The left and right edges of the dress fragment are a selvedge, while the top and bottom edges have a 3/16-inch double-turned hem. Stitches: The principal stitch is outline; also present are satin, encroaching satin, long and short, roumanian (oriental), buttonhole, darning, herringbone and cross stitch. Condition: The dress fragment is separated from the remainder of the dress to which it belongs. The ground has many small holes. The fragment is backed with a linen panel; darning stitches are applied around each hole in the ground to join the ground with the backing. Limited portions of the back of the ground are still accessible, especially along the bottom edge of the dress fragment. Sections of the crewel are replaced, specifically along the vines at the center of each dress panel. Portions of the

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crewel are embellished with a less finely embroidered loosely twisted crewel

wool. The bottom edge of the fragment has a crease and remnants of some hem stitches at a previous 1 1/2-inch hem.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 40 x 50 7/8in. (101.6 x 129.2cm)

Primary Dimensions (width of left panel, selvedge to selvedge): 25 1/2in. (64.8

cm) Primary Dimensions (width of right panel, selvedge to selvedge): 25 5/8in.

(65.1cm)