

Basic Detail Report

Title Bed Rug

Date 1786

Primary Maker Lorrain Collins

Medium Hand-embroidered wool on a plain-woven wool ground

Description Bed rug made of light, medium, and dark blue, green, brown, and yellow wool yarns embroidered on a wool ground. The asymmetrical pattern includes an oversize central flower surrounded by a meandering vine with large and small flowers, leaves, and over twenty different birds. The flowers, leaves, and birds are filled in with patterned darning stitches to create diamond, heart, and herringbone patterns. The background of the pattern is filled in with vertical lines of dark brown wool. "LORRAINE/ COLLINS/ 1786" is cross-stitched in yellow above the large central flower. The bottom corners of the bed rug are angled.

The pattern is executed in dyed, homespun wool threads, that are grouped together and then embroidered with darning, satin, and Roumanian stitches.

The undyed, plain-woven wool ground is hand-woven of handspun single threads, and consists of three lengths measuring 35, 38, and 17 inches wide. The edges of the ground are folded under twice and finished with a whip stitch.

Condition: The embroidered wool has discolored. The ground is reinforced from the back with later darning and applied patches; replacement wool threads are embroidered through these areas. The top back edge of the bed rug is reinforced with a strip of doubled cotton.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 85 x 90in. (215.9 x 228.6cm)