

Basic Detail Report

Title Crewel Embroidered Fragment

Date 1742

Primary Maker Mary Edwards

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

Description Linen fragment, or band, hand-stitched with crewel, or two-ply worsted wool, on a plain-weave linen ground. The wool on the band is in many colors, including light medium and dark blue, red, light and medium pink, yellow, green and blue-green. The band is decorated with an undulating vine with large and small flowers and leaves on the vine. The band is constructed of a single strip of linen. The right edge is the selvedge. The top, left and bottom edge have a single-turned hem that is not stitched; portions of the hem are not folded. The design was outlined in black ink prior to embroidery. Stitches: The principal stitch on the band is outline; it also includes satin, encroaching satin, long and short, and buttonhole. Condition: Areas of the crewel wool are missing from almost every element of the design. The wool has faded on the front. The ground is missing or has holes in two major areas toward the left side of the band; these holes correspond to the location of crewel embroidery that is now missing. The ground is creased.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 26 3/4 x 3 3/4 in. (67.9 x 9.5 cm)