

This is a photograph of a rectangular piece of white fabric, possibly a tablecloth or a large handkerchief, featuring a detailed embroidery. The embroidery is set against a dark blue background. The design is framed by a wide border of green leaves and vines, which are embroidered in a repeating pattern along the edges. The central area of the fabric is decorated with various floral and bird motifs. In the upper left, there are red flowers and a small bird perched on a branch. In the upper right, there are blue flowers and a small bird. In the center, there are red and yellow flowers, and a small bird is perched on a branch. In the lower left, there are purple flowers and a small bird. In the lower right, there are blue flowers and a small bird. At the bottom center, there is a small pond with two ducks and a green frog. The embroidery is done in a traditional style, with visible stitching and a variety of colors used for the different elements.

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Description Group of four curtains each hand-stitched with crewel, or two-ply

worsted wool, on a plain-woven linen ground. The wool on the curtains is in many bright colors including dark medium and light green, red, medium and light pink, salmon, brown, blue, dark and medium grey, dark medium and light purple, mustard, yellow, and black. Each of the curtains is decorated with different and specific birds, flowers, and animals; these include a frog (.1), an owl (.2), a robin (.2), a turtle (.2), a worm (.2), a quail (.3), a skunk with eggs (.3), a heron (.4), and ducks (.1 and 4). These are flanked by a vertical column of ivy, consisting of green and brown leaves on an undulating vine. The bottom of one curtain (.3) is embroidered with the initials "AYS" and date "1969". Each curtain is constructed of a single panel of plain-woven linen with a 1 1/2-inch-wide hem at all four edges. The curtains were originally lined (now missing). Two of the curtains (.3 and .4) are lined with a linen panel at the back; the panel is machine-stitched to the top edge of each curtain (later addition). Stitches: The principal stitch on the curtains is outline; it also includes long and short, satin, roumanian (oriental), couching, seed, buttonhole, daisy, and french knot. Condition: The curtains have scattered light staining and discoloration of the ground. Curtains .2 and .3 have some light brown water stains at the bottom. Curtain .1 has many small holes in the ground near the lower right edge. The hem at the top edge of curtains .1 and .2 have been partially unstitched and altered. Curtains .3 and .4 have a linen panel stitched to the back.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width of .1): 62 1/2 x 40in. (158.8 x

101.6cm) Primary Dimensions (height x width of .2): 61 1/2 x 39in. (156.2 x 99.1

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Primary Dimensions (height x width of .4): 62 x 39 1/2in. (157.5 x 100.3cm)