

This is a photograph of a large, rectangular piece of white fabric, possibly a tablecloth or a large handkerchief, featuring intricate 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 of the fabric, there is a small pond with two ducks, one of which is swimming. The embroidery is done in a traditional style, with visible stitching and a variety of colors used to create a detailed and colorful scene.

Date about 1969

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

Basic Detail Report

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)