101: Her Faire Hand

Skill Level: Intermediate

Technique: 17th Century Sampler Stitching on

linen, counted thread.

Design Area: 6.2-inches wide by 9.0-inches high (Cut fabric size is: 13-inches wide by 15-inches high).

Teacher: Eileen Bennett

Kit Cost: \$70

Kit Contents: 2 pieces of 35-count linen fabric, DMC threads, Special Dentelles, needles, a 27-page instruction booklet which includes charting, stitch diagrams with instruction sheets and numerous stitching hints, photo, washing instructions, and a 3-page bibliography of sampler stitching.

Clothing of the 17th-century was richly embroidered. White work techniques replicating the time consuming handmade lace were often teamed with the colored band designs. Her Faire Hand Sampler is a combination of multicolored bands, white-on-white embroidery and is a teaching tool for re-creating 27 of these old and sometimes forgotten stitches of the period. 19 counted thread stitches are teamed with 8 pulled thread skills creating an English band sampler style of the period.

