

201: Williamsburg Harvest Band Sampler

Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Technique: 17th Century Sampler Stitching on linen, counted thread.

Design Area: German version (2 column bands) is 11-inches wide by 7.0-inches high (cut fabric size is: 13-inches wide by 20-inches high). English version (long format, 1 column) is 5.4-inches wide by 13.9-inches high (cut fabric size is 13-inches wide by 20-inches high).

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Kit Cost: \$75

Kit Contents: 35-count linen fabric, 14 skeins of DMC threads, 1 ball of #80 Special Dentelles, #26 and #24 tapestry needle, a 35-page instruction booklet which includes charting, stitch diagrams with instruction sheets and numerous stitching hints, photo, washing instructions, 2-pages of historical notes and a 3-page bibliography of sampler stitching.

Banded samplers flourished in several European countries during the 17th century. The German two-column style is lesser known than the long, narrow format commonly worked by English sampler makers. The Harvest Band Sampler emulates the German style and is worked with 28 'olde sampler' stitches embroidering garden critters and a variety of fruit and flower bands. Ample linen is provided to work the design horizontally as photographed or vertically, in the English tradition.

