

Research Collections



Beaded Purse

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifact103.08.1083%20a-e

Title: Beaded Purse

Date: 1815 – 1850

Material: glass; fibre

Dimensions: 20.0 x 16.0 cm

Description: Five various sized beaded bags mounted on bergundy coloured velvet in

a 7.5 wide dark cherry wood frame with glass. (a) 4.5 wide silk top with drawstring. Three horizontal panels. Top and bottom are green leaves on brown background, bottom has yellow acorns, top has white. Centre panel is 8.5 wide with blue background with finely detailed flowers in intense blues, reds and yellows with some white. (b) 24.0x16.5. Fine cotton bag with beading. 2.5 wide cotton at top with drawstring. Beading black background with vase of aqua and white bands, gold and dark green pattern. Vase holds various shades of blue flowers with some white and gold. Underneath spray of similar flowers. Beaded fringe 3.5 across bottom. (c) 16.5x13.5. Beaded beige sateen bag with 1.5 drawstring. Gold geometric beading on off-white beaded background. Looped beading fringe. (d) 12.0x7.5. Small beaded bag on beige cotton. Shaded pink roses with green leaves in overall pattern on beige beaded background. Vase-like orange and yellow object in centre of pattern. Remnants of blue and beige handle. (e) 11.0x9.0. Beige sateen drawstring 1.0. Overall geometric pattern of blue, light blue and gold. Band of light blue with dark blue and gold open pattern with dark blue border. Bottom corners have looped tassels of same colours.NOTE: the frame and burgundy-coloured velvet was removed because of

discolouration; bags are a deeper colour on velvet-pressed side and

faded on glass-pressed-side.

Subject: households

needlework beadwork Mary Schaffer

Credit: Gift of Charles C. Reid, Banff, Alberta, 1986

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Needlework Pattern

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifactpos.07.01

Artist: Serena Matilda Potts (1812 – 1898, American)

Title: Needlework Pattern

Date: 1812 - 1898

Medium: gouache on paper; card

Dimensions: 20.5 x 27.0 cm

Description: Hand-painted needlwork pattern on gridded card depicting a small brown

> bird among a circle of foliage and roses. There are two gold filigrees in each of the top corners. The work is signed in the top right corner "S.M. Potts"The gridded box is labeled "2067" in the top right corner. Centered beneath the box reads "Berlin bei L.W. Wittich, Frienzösische Str: No 43". Translated from German, this reads "Berlin by L.W. Wittich, French

Street: No 43." In the bottom left corner of the grid, there is a "2." written.

Subject: bird

flower

botanical

nature

floral

needlework

decorative

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https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifactpos.07.02

Artist: Serena Matilda Potts (1812 – 1898, American)

Title: Needlework Pattern

Date: 1812 – 1998

Medium: gouache on paper; card

Dimensions: 19.0 x 26.5 cm

Description: Hand-painted needlwork pattern on gridded card depicting a filigree of

flowers, including deep pink roses, unknown blue flowers, and a gold decorative element in the center. The work is signed in the top right corner "S.M. Potts". The gridded box is labeled "2549" in the top right corner. Centered beneath the box reads "Berlin bei L.W. Wittich,

Frienzösische Str: No 43". Translated from German, this reads "Berlin by

L.W. Wittich, French Street: No 43."

Subject: botanical

flower floral

needlework decorative

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Catalogue Number: PoS.07.02

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https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifactpos.07.03

Artist: Serena Matilda Potts (1812 – 1898, American)

Title: Needlework Pattern

Date: 1812 – 1898

Medium: Gouache on paper; card

Dimensions: 19.5 x 30.5 cm

Description: Hand-painted needlwork pattern on gridded card depicting a large beige

house with a brown roof situated in a well landscaped area. Trees border either side of the house. A small white bench can be seen in the lower left corner, along with a pathway leading to the house in the center. In front of the house is a bright green grass lawn. The area where sky would be is left unpainted. The work is signed in the top right corner "S.M. Potts". The gridded box is labeled "2095" in the top right corner. Centered beneath the box reads "Berlin bei L.W. Wittich, Frienzösische Str: No 43". Translated from German, this reads "Berlin by L.W. Wittich, French Street: No 43." In the bottom left corner of the grid, there is a "3." written.

Subject: house

building landscape needlework decorative

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Catalogue Number: PoS.07.03

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https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifactpos.07.04

Artist: Serena Matilda Potts (1812 – 1898, American)

Title: Needlework Pattern

Date: 1812 – 1898

Medium: gouache on paper; card

Dimensions: 19.5 x 28.0 cm

Description: Hand-painted needlework pattern on gridded card depicting a landscape

scene with some manmade structures in the foreground and background. Flowers border the bottom left and right corners, with a waterfall flowing through. A floral garland and a long, full foliaged tree stretch across the top of the work, while a small lake and gazebo can be seen in the background. The work is signed in the top right corner "S.M. Potts". The gridded box is labeled "806" in the top right corner. Centered beneath the box reads "Berlin bei L.W. Wittich, Frienzösische Str: No 43". Translated from German, this reads "Berlin by L.W. Wittich, French Street: No 43." In

the bottom left corner of the grid, there is a 2" written.

Subject: landscape

needlework

decorative

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https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifactpos.07.05

Artist: Serena Matilda Potts (1812 – 1898, American)

Title: Needlework Pattern

Date: 1812 – 1898

Medium: gouache on paper; card

Dimensions: 17.0 x 26.0 cm

Description: Hand-painted needlework pattern on gridded card depicting a foliage

wreath with varying floral blooms in pink, white, blue and yellow. There are four green filigrees, one in each corner. The work is signed in the top right corner "S.M. Potts".The gridded box is labeled "25" in the top right corner. Next to this, it reads "Berlin bei Z. A. Grünthal". Translated from German, this reads "Berlin by Z. A. Grünthal". In the bottom left corner of the grid,

there is a "5." written. In the bottom right corner, "GG" is written.

Subject: flower

floral wreath needlework decorative

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https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifactpos.07.06

Artist: Serena Matilda Potts (1812 – 1898, American)

Title: Needlework Pattern

Date: 1812 – 1898

Medium: gouache on paper; card

Dimensions: 36.0 x 36.0 cm

Description: Hand-painted needlework pattern on gridded card depicting an

assemblage of different kinds of plants and flowers, such as a pink rose, strawberries, a red lily and bleeding hearts. The foliage and flowers make a circular shape on the gridded card. The work is signed in the top right corner "S.M. Potts". The edges of the work are sealed with some kind of

fabric-like tape. The reverse has blue paper.

Subject: floral

flower still life

needlework

decorative

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Artist: Serena Matilda Potts (1812 – 1898, American)

Title: Needlework Pattern

Date: 1812 – 1898

Medium: Gouache on paper; card

Dimensions: 36.5 x 34.5 cm

Description: Hand-painted needlework pattern on gridded card depicting an

assemblage of different kinds of plants and flowers in pinks, reds, blues, yellows and white. The foliage and flowers make a circular shape on the gridded card. The work is signed in the top left corner "S.M. Potts". A

piece of tape at the center bottom edge reads "S M Potts"

Subject: flower

floral

botanical needlework decorative

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https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifactpos.07.08

Artist: Serena Matilda Potts (1812 – 1898, American)

Title: Needlework Pattern

Date: 1812 – 1898

Medium: gouache on paper; card

Dimensions: 34.0 x 37.0 cm

Description: Hand-painted needlework pattern on gridded card depicting an

assemblage of different kinds of plants and flowers in pinks, reds, blues, purples, yellows and white. The foliage and flowers make a circular shape on the gridded card. The work is signed in the left center edge "S.M.

Potts"

Subject: flower

floral

botanical needlework decorative

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https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifactpos.07.09

Artist: Serena Matilda Potts (1812 – 1898, American)

Title: Needlework Pattern

Date: 1812 – 1898

Medium: gouache on paper; card

Dimensions: 6.0 x 21.0 cm

Description: Hand-painted needlework pattern on gridded card depicting a row of

roses and small purple flowers, twisted beteen foliage. The work is

signed "S.M. Potts" in the center.

Subject: floral

flower roses foliage needlework

decorative

Credit: Gift of Charles C. Reid, Banff, Alberta, 1986

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