Where Samplers Rule

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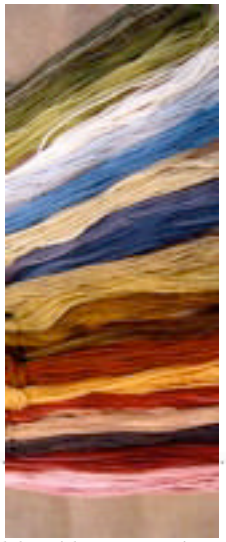
First published as a kit two decades ago, we were thrilled to learn that this reproduction from ***Threads Through Time*** is available today as a chart ($20).

February's Sampler of the Month

Ann Rayner - 1839

FROM WAKEFIELD, A SMALL TOWN IN WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY ENGLAND

Below, the ***Belle Soie*** and the ***Lakeside*** 40c linen that we chose.



Above, chart photo. *Below, left*, Tanya's stitched with NPI on 40c linen; *below, right*, Mary Louise's stitched on the original kit fabric with DMC. Thank you both for sharing your photos.

THREADS THROUGH TIME . . .

. . . such an appropriate name for these samplers that endure through the ages. Ann Rayner's sampler, enjoying a resurgent popularity in today's needlework world, was stitched in 1839 in one of the towns included in the Heavy Woolen District, perhaps the reason Ann stitched her flock of sheep and all of her sampler using woolen threads throughout. The reproduction is charted for DMC, but we have conversions available for the silk of your choice: *Au Ver A'Soie*, *Belle Soie*, or *NPI*. The 30c fabric originally used in the reproduction is no longer available, but today, 20 years later, we have so many wonderful choices. The motifs that fill the bottom two-thirds of this glorious sampler surely feature some of everyone's favorites.

AS FEBRUARY'S SAMPLER OF THE MONTH . . .

. . . you can save 15% on your purchase of the following:

Chart ($20) ~ linen (40c *Lakeside* with 2-inch margins is $20) ~ *Belle Soie* ($143) ~ *Au Ver A'Soie* ($82.50) ~*NPI* ($88). Linen prices will vary depending on the count.