

SA981006

GEORGIAN MAP SAMPLER - ANN THORNYCROFT 1780

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA981006****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 54 cm (21.3")

Width = 48 cm (18.9")

Description

A fine Georgian needlework Sampler by Ann Thornycroft probably of Thornycroft Hall near Macclesfield dated May 30th 1780, depicting a map of England and Wales with partial coverage of Scotland and France. Also featuring are the Isle of Man, Scilly, Alderney, 'Gernsey' to name but a few. The Scottish borders are present as is Normandy and the northern French Coast and the map is contained within a scale border which marks out what lies to the North, South, East and West. The map 'wrought in colours' by Ann has beautiful detail, naming all the counties, and in particular the major towns and areas of importance - of real interest are the archaic spellings and alternate names - for example The 'German Ocean' which was the name of the North Sea pre World War 1, the 'Irish Channel' instead of 'Sea', 'Glocester' / Gloucester and so forth. Hours can be lost studying the map and discovering all its quirks and charms. It's also fascinating for a modern eye to see how the balance of geography has shifted over time, by which places Ann has considered notable and worthy of mention with many smaller towns appearing over larger cities before they flourished and this is why the map ...

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