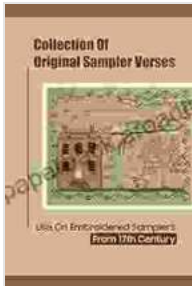


# Embroidered Samplers: A Window into 17th Century Life



## Collection Of Original Sampler Verses: Use On Embroidered Samplers From 17th Century: Learning About Symbolism Of Sampler Motifs

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Embroidered samplers are a fascinating and unique form of needlework that offers a glimpse into the lives, beliefs, and skills of our ancestors. These exquisite works of art were created by women and girls of all ages and social classes, and they served a variety of purposes, from education to moral instruction to personal expression.

## Education

One of the primary purposes of embroidered samplers was to educate young women in the art of needlework. Samplers were often used as teaching tools, with mothers and grandmothers guiding their daughters and granddaughters through the stitches and techniques required to create these intricate works of art. By completing a sampler, young women could

demonstrate their proficiency in needlework, a skill that was essential for any woman who wanted to be considered marriageable.

In addition to teaching practical skills, samplers also provided young women with an education in history, literature, and religion. Many samplers featured inscriptions that included Bible verses, moralistic sayings, or excerpts from popular literature. These inscriptions served as a reminder of the importance of education and virtue.

## **Morality**

Embroidered samplers were also used to teach young women about morality. Many samplers featured images of biblical figures or allegorical scenes that illustrated the importance of virtues such as humility, obedience, and chastity. These images served as a constant reminder of the moral principles that young women were expected to uphold.

In addition to religious imagery, samplers also often featured secular images that reflected the values of the time period. These images included scenes of daily life, such as women spinning or cooking, as well as images of nature, such as flowers and animals. These images served to remind young women of the importance of domesticity and the beauty of the natural world.

## **Personal Expression**

While embroidered samplers were primarily used for education and moral instruction, they also served as a form of personal expression for women. Samplers often featured the maker's name and date, as well as personal symbols and motifs. These personal touches allowed women to express their creativity and individuality within the confines of a prescribed art form.

Embroidered samplers are a valuable resource for historians and cultural anthropologists. They offer a unique glimpse into the lives, beliefs, and skills of women in the 17th century. These exquisite works of art continue to inspire and fascinate us today, and they serve as a reminder of the importance of preserving our cultural heritage.

## **Image Gallery**

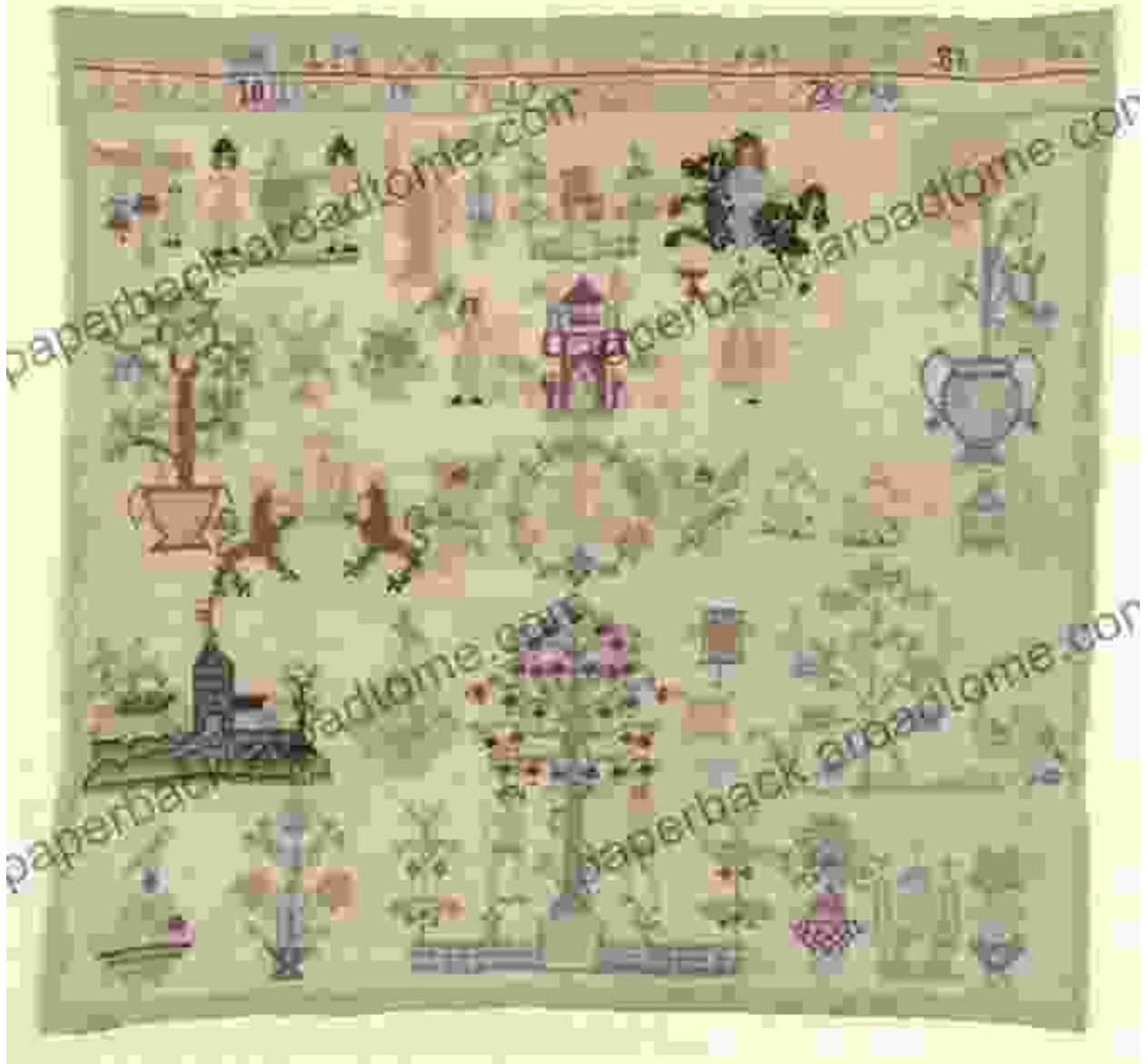
Here is a gallery of images of embroidered samplers from the 17th century:

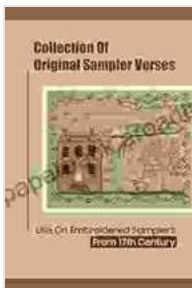
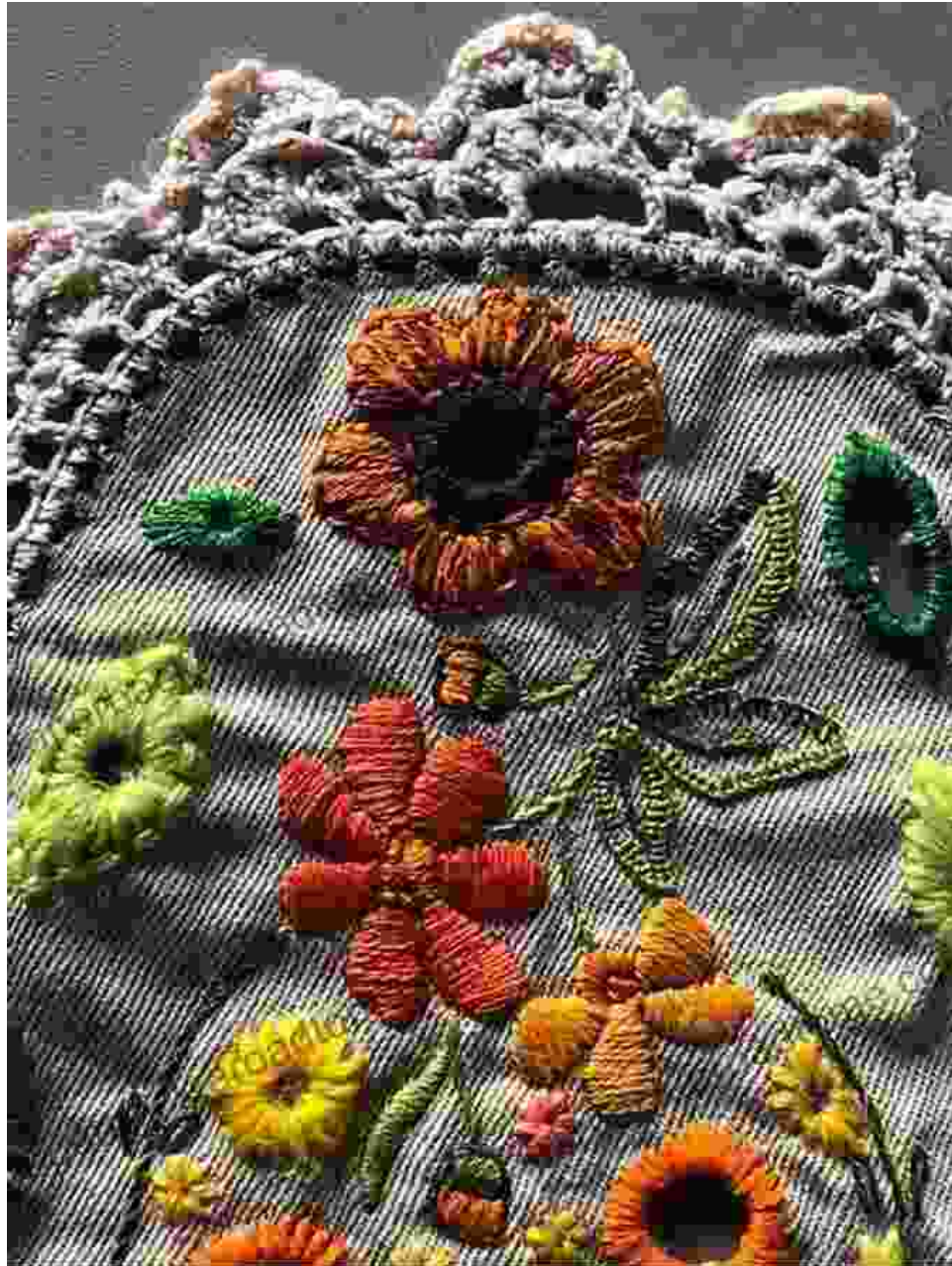


**A**ND SHE BROUGHT FORTH HER  
FIRST BORN SON, AND WRAPPED  
HIM IN SWADDLING CLOTHES,  
AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER. LUKE 2:7



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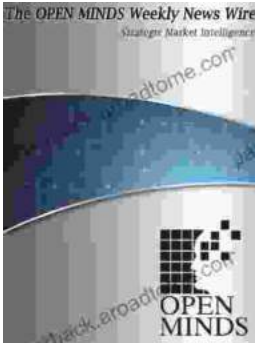


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