

Y-020A A Sudarium (Decorative Panel)

A Stitch Out of Time

Date/Period
Late 14th Century

Country
Germany

Museum
Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Catalog Number
8279-1863



I have partial notes for this decorative panel only, from these notes the center motif shown above is pink (most likely faded from red) and white. The other colors are unknown.

"Cover for crozier or "Sudarium," of loosely woven linen, with band of canvas embroidered with coloured silks in satin stitch in pattern of crosses and interlacing rectangular forms. At top circular-headed cap, 4 3/4in by 4 in, worked with coloured silks in short stitch with diapering, on one side lozenge, on the other checky, ground crimson and filled in with the gammadion, or ylfot; sewn to the cap are gold and silken cords of various colours. German. Late 14th cen. 2ft. 10 in. by 6 ft. (Bock coll) 8279.-1863."

51 thread per inch evenweave fabric

There is only one blurry black and white photo of this piece available. I did have a chance to examine it many years ago, but given a tight time limit and more interesting pieces to examine, my notes are sketchy.

There are four major areas of embroidery visible: The top cap, A decorative panel below that, and two embroidered bands decorating the edges of the opening.

This and the patterns that follow are my best attempt at re-creating the various areas, and should not be considered authoritative.

