



**CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT**

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**Object:**

Needlework Handbag

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**Description:**

A needlepoint reticule featuring a floral design on the front and back with black silk satin ruffled trim on the outer edge. The needlework is composed of wool yarns on canvas ground and is completed using tent stitch, with small stitches for the flowers and vase and gros point for the background. The use of the gros point stitching creates a ribbed effect for the red background. The reticule is lined with black silk satin that matches the exterior ruffled edges. This item is incomplete; it is missing the chain and clasp at the top, which would have kept it closed.

This type of needlework reticule was particularly popular during the Victorian and Edwardian periods (late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries).

**Measurements:**

Height- 10 3/8"  
Width (at opening)- 12"  
Width (at bottom)- 5 1/2"

**Category:**

Textile  
Personal Gear/Personal Storage and Carrying  
Equipment/Purse

**Location:**

Box 12  
Display Case 102  
Charles Whipple Greene Historical Collection  
George Hail Free Library

**Condition Analysis:**

Overall, good condition with dust throughout. This item has been partially disassembled; the clasp at the top is missing, affecting its appearance and function. There is evidence of insect damage with small holes scattered in the gros point yarns.

**Recommended Treatments:**

Monitor for pests; bag and freeze if any moths are evident. Consider deaccessioning as the item is common and incomplete.