

The feathered Whisperers cross stitch pattern reproduction sampler Barbara Ana Designs



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## The feathered Whisperers

CROSS STITCH PATTERN READY TO DOWNLOAD, A REPRODUCTION SAMPLER CHARTED BY Barbara Ana Designs

Barbara Ana describes the pattern in her own words:

A conspiracy is brewing here, the fluffy cat looks so worried and the stag is truly surprised, the two little feathered traitors, whispering and whispering, are up to no good... The original sampler (pictured bottom right) is from 1859, maybe Dutch, and was originally stitched with wool on canvas. The colors on the back remain vivid but I chose to stitch it taking the soft and faded colors of the front. Although the reproduction was stitched without border, it is included on the chart.

## **Creative Poppy says:**

This is the first reproduction sampler, charted in cross stitch by Barbara Ana.

It's quite rare to come across an antique sampler with a large cat like this one. In fact there are quite a few interesting and unusual details in this sampler even though the layout of the motifs and the borders are traditional. It looks like the stitcher wanted to take some liberty with traditional needlework and added details she found interesting.

The designer leaves you the choice of either stitching the borders as in the original, or leaving them out. You can compare the result on the right. The borders are quite exquisite, with a vertical vine motif contrasting with an intricate fern-like motif running horizontally. Cutting out the borders focuses on the characters and gives it maybe a more modern feel, but it will be a tough choice whether to include them or not!

The contemporary piece was stitched on fine 40ct linen, over 2 threads, using one strand of floss. To check out the size of the finished piece, in your choice of fabric, and with/without the borders, check out our fabric calculator below.

A Reproduction Sampler by Barbara Ana Designs.

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Chart info & Needlework supplies for the pattern: The feathered Whisperers Chart size in stitches (including borders): 259 x 263 (wide x high) Needlework fabric: Aida, Linen or Evenweave >> <u>View size (including borders) in my choice of fabric (fabric calculator)</u> Chart size in stitches (excluding borders): 199 x 223 (wide x high) Needlework fabric: Aida, Linen or Evenweave >> <u>View size (excluding borders) in my choice of fabric (fabric calculator)</u> Stitches: Cross stitch, Chart: Black & White, Color Threads: DMC and Anchor (DMC substitutes available for Anchor colors) Number of colors: 14

Themes: Reproduction sampler, antique, cat

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