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Eliza Maria Southall - Knitting Bag

Joseph Edward Southall

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Description

ELIZA MARIA SOUTHALL(1833-1922)
Knitting Bag with Ruskin Lace inserts designed by Joseph Southall
Bears original inscribed label: Knitting Bag / Cut Work on hand made / linen / Designed by Joseph Southall / Work by Mrs E M Southall
45 cm.; 17 ¾ in. length
Provenance:The artist’s cousin, Isabel Harlock, and thence by descent.
In the 1870s John Ruskin and his friend Albert Fleming set up a textile industry in the Lake District for the weaving of Langdale Linen. Fleming’s housekeeper, Marion Twelves, oversaw the creation of this small weaving industry in Elterwater followed by a linen workshop in Keswick which opened in 1889. Twelves experimented with Sicilian and Greek embroidery which became known as Ruskin Lace. Southall’s designs for Ruskin Lace were worked by his mother, Eliza Maria Southall, and were frequently exhibited at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition Society.