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A Stitch Out of Time

Date/Period 14th Century	Country Germany	Museum Victoria & Albert Museum, London	Catalog Number 8305-1863
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“Stole (for a deacon's use), embroidered with coloured silks in tent (cushion stitches) on canvas, with repeated pattern of diamonds bordered with angular ornament, and enclosing angularly rendered birds (? lions), with heads turned back and tails turned up. German. 14th century. 8 ft. 8 in. by 2 3/4 in. Bock Collection. 8305-1863”
25 thread per inch evenweave fabric.

The V&A has only one black and white photo to work from, because of this, the colors are unknown. The ones shown indicate areas of light and dark accurately, but are otherwise conjectural.

The official description labels this as tent/cushion stitch. However, looking at the photo this is definitely brick stitch as shown.

Note: The pattern to the left shows the total width of the original embroidery.

