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We present a James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) survey of NGC 346, the most massive star-forming region in the Small Magellanic Cloud. This program provides a comprehensive imaging and spectroscopic data suite with NIRCam, MIRI, and NIRSpec multi-object spectroscopy, and has been designed to constrain complex stellar populations of multiple generations and their physical characteristics, including accretion rates and variability. With a primary goal to fully characterize the young stellar objects (YSOs) and pre-main sequence (PMS) stars in NGC 346, our aim is to understand the evolution of their circumstellar environments. We identify a preliminary list of this region's young stars as revealed by NIRCam observations to a mass well below one  $M_{\odot}$  for the first time, employing color-magnitude and color-color diagram analyses. The distribution of these YSOs and PMS stars within NGC 346 is illustrated alongside the structure of the region as revealed by NIRCam in the ionized, molecular, and dust emission, and we compare with existing Hubble Space Telescope imaging results. These data were designed additionally to identify key stellar populations in order to provide an interpretation guide for future observations of point sources within the Local Universe.