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Yomut Ensi, Central Asia, Circa
1880, 1.70m x 1.48m

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1036032

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 170 cm (66.9")

Width = 148 cm (58.3")

Description

The term 'ensi' refers to a type of weaving that was made to hang over the doorway of the yurt or tent. The Yomut tribe were one of the larger Turkoman tribal groupings who produced many types of weavings for domestic use. Their ensis are filled by cosmic significance, including the desire to protect those who live within the yurt, and are often very beautiful. This example is definitely of that group. Dating to the last quarter of the 19th century, it is woven with fine velvety wool using the symmetric knot, and wonderful natural dyes. The design has a classic format of four panels created by a central cruciform. An interesting featuring are the curled leaves which run along the long borders and through the centre. It has a lovely 'elem' or skirt at the bottom end, and lots of other great details. Cherished through the generations, it has survived in excellent original condition. Professionally cleaned. end, This ensi is a wonderful example of Turkoman weaving.

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