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Antique Salt-Bag, Afshar Tribes,
Kerman Province, South Persia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1054167

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 54 cm (21.3")

Width = 44 cm (17.3")

Description

This magnificent salt-bag (namakdan) has a most attractive field of '8-pointed stars' - symbols of protection, all disappearing under the main border and out into infinity. Beautiful shades of madder-red, ivory and mid indigo-blue dominate the face of the bag, woven in soumak technique by Afshar nomads in Kerman Province, south Persia circa 1870-1880. The back of the namakdan is in plain-weave with narrow horizontal bands in red and blue and the remains of the hanging loop can be seen on either side of the neck. The top opening retains its slits and lappets, again, woven in soumak weave. There is one old re-weave which can be seen at the neck on the photo showing the back of the bag - possibly done in the field at some point in the distant past. This is a truly rare and superb example of a lost woven art. A very collectable namakdan. Size: 54cm x 44cm (1' 9" x 1' 5").

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