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Gold-embroidered silk tül bent scarf, Ottoman, c.19th

Price

GBP 1,700

| USD \$2,300 | EUR 1,989

Item Reference: SA1097967**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

Ottoman tül bent (head scarf/shawl) with gold embroidery and a calligraphic border. Ottoman Empire, probably Istanbul–Bursa. 19th century. Ultra-fine silk gauze (plain 1/1), hand “sirma” gold embroidery (couching, satin, laid); continuous celi sülüs/divani border; terminal bouquet in mihrab/palmette cartouche with paired crescents and radiant stars; scattered florals/calligraphic elements. Produced for and used by affluent Muslim urban households; elite city workshop level (non-palace). A long, lightweight scarf of very fine silk gauze (plain weave 1/1), intended to be worn on the head and shoulders (type tül bent). The decoration is executed in gold embroidery; by morphology and ornamentation it is ceremonial, used in festive or gift-giving contexts. Where and how it may have been used • As a tül bent/basörtüsü — a formal women’s head-and-shoulder scarf for public outings: visits to the mosque, feast days (Bayram), family ceremonies. The 210 × 50 cm format, ultra-thin silk gauze, and gilded embroidery, unsuitable for everyday wear, point to this. • As part of a dowry (çeyiz) — a “sirma işlemeli tül bent” was almost obligatory in a bride’s chest. Worn rarely, more often disp...

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