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Antique Salt-Bag, Shahsevan
Nomads, Moghan Region,
Azerbaijan.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1110787

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 50 cm (19.7")

Width = 38 cm (15.0")

Description

This stunning salt-bag - 'namakdan' in Persian - was made by Shahsevan nomads in the environs of Moghan around 1900. The diagonal bands of purple, ivory, burnt-orange, red, pea-green, turquoise and deep-indigo are all derived from organic dyes with each band containing 'S' symbols and all woven in plain-weave technique. The selvages, bound in different colours, are original, as is the braided neck tassels, where a wooden pole could be threaded through and the bag carried over the shoulder of the shepherd. The bag would have contained rock-salt which was given to the pack animals during migrations to help in the dehydration process. The weaver has woven the back in plain-weave, but unlike the colourful face, the colours are all from undyed sheep wool. Note the small red symbols on the back! What could the weaver be suggesting here? I leave it to your imagination! A truly rare and beautiful example of a utilitarian item long gone. Size: 50cm x 38cm (1' 8" x 1' 3").

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