

SA1121378

**Antique Vanity-Bag, Afshar
Nomads, Kerman Province,
Southern Persia.**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1121378

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 18 cm (7.1")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Description

Small, exceptional vanity-bags or 'chanteh' in Persian, have become very scarce, not only in Iran but also in the Western markets. What I am talking about here is chantehs made by the nomadic Persian tribes from the 19th century through to the early 20th century. Why is this? Because plastic bags arrived in the bazaars of Persia during the early part of the 20th century and thus the nomads ceased making such beautiful weavings when a plastic bag could serve the purpose! Thus the demise of the little chanteh. Chantehs were made by the young nomadic bride to contain a mirror, jewellery and coins and were highly prized possessions, never to be sold! This beautiful little chanteh was made by an Afshar nomad around 1900-1920 and has survived in remarkable condition, complete with the tufts of wool around two sides and along the bottom, symbolising good luck and good fortune. The face of the bag is in knotted-pile with the exciting back, which I much prefer, in slit-tapestry, flatweave technique. This design of diagonal zig-zags, I believe, symbolises flowing water - one of the most important elements in tribal life. Size: 18cm x 20cm wide (7" x 8").

Internal Ref: BM2150

Seller Details

Brian MacDonald Antique Rugs & Carpets

North Cotswolds Gloucestershire United Kingdom



Tel: 01451 824 447 or 07980 999 114

International Tel: +44 1451 824 447 or +44 7980 999 114