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ANTIQUE UZBEK TASHKENT 'PALAK' SUZANI, FULLY EMBROIDERED, CENTRAL STAR, CIRCA 1890.

Price

GBP 2,750

| USD \$3,721 | EUR 3,218

Item Reference: SA1137606**Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 255 cm (100.4")

Width = 210 cm (82.7")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Size: 8ft 4in x 6ft 11in (255 x 210cm). Antique Uzbek Tashkent 'palak' suzani, superb colour and condition. Circa 1890. Suzani are silk embroideries that have been woven in Uzbekistan for many hundreds of years, they are treasured family items woven by the ladies of a family usually to celebrate a wedding. They are then used to decorate the inside of the Yurt. They are embroidered in silk on strips of cotton which are then joined together to make the complete item. The suzani is then backed with fine cotton to give it strength and body. This is an excellent sample of an old Tashkent suzani called palak. This was the only kind of suzani where solar and astral motifs dominate over vegetative ones. According to ethnographical research data, big circles of the traditional palak pattern represent the moon and stars that were believed to provide good health and enhance female reproductive ability. Note the large central star. The whole surface of the piece is entirely embroidered in silk 'basma' couching stitch. The condition is excellent with only very slight wear and no repairs, there are a few spots of old staining and very slight finger tip size damage in a corner whe...

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