

**SA1164961**

**ANTIQUE PERSIAN RASHT  
EMBROIDERY, SILK & FELT  
APPLIQUE WORK, CIRCA  
1880.**

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA1164961**

**Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 221 cm (87.0")

Width = 144 cm (56.7")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

## Description

Size: 7ft 3in x 4ft 9in (221 x 144cm). Antique Persian Rasht embroidery in silk with felt applique work. Circa 1880. Woven in the city of Rasht in Northern Persia on the Black Sea coast, known as Rashti-Duzis they are famed for their intricately embroidered details and borders. Christies auction house writes as follows: 'From the Safavid period onwards, the city of Rasht in Persia supplied the Safavid courts at Ardebil and Tabriz with highly sophisticated embroideries, known as rasht-duzi textiles. They were executed primarily by professional male embroiderers in well-established workshops, and in the Qajar period served as saddle covers, floor covers and hangings within impressive courtly tents (Wearden, 1991, p.122). The gul-duzi-i-rasht (stitched inlay) technique was complex and entailed cutting a shape out of the ground fabric and replacing it with a carefully cut fabric of the same shape in a contrasting colour. In order to establish the necessary precision of each piece, Wearden suggests that a sharp instrument was used, much like a biscuit cutter, before the joins were disguised by fine embroidery which also served to refine the details of the design (Wearden,...

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