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Antique Namakdan (salt-bag),
Kurdish Tribes, Kurdistan.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1179668

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 29 cm (11.4")

Description

Charming and archaic, this truly tribal salt-bag, 'namakdan' in Persian, was made by Kurdish tribes in Kurdistan during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. With an '8-pointed star' dominating the central field and symbolising protection, the bag has a lustrous knotted pile and was probably made by a Kurdish nomad who had limited amount of spare wool in her possession as it appears she has used all the wool at her disposal! Note the abrash of natural un-dyed wool in the centre and the additional ivory border at the base of the bag. Was she experimenting with border patterns at this point? I also love the very stylised depiction of a human figure with stylised animals on either side at the base of the neck! The back of the bag is woven in narrow, horizontal bands of plain-weave. A great little namakdan, made in the most tribal way. Size: 43 x 29cm (1' 5" x 11")

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