

SA1181205

Antique 'Mafrash' (cargo bag),
Qashqa'i Tribes, Fars Province,
South-West Persia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1181205

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 53 cm (20.9")

Width = 92 cm (36.2")

Depth = 33 cm (13.0")

Description

Cargo bags or 'mafrash' in Persian, were generally made in pairs and once fully laden with clothes, pots and pans and other personal belongings, were loaded onto each flank of the camel during long migrations. In sedentary situations, when the bags were cleared of possessions, they were laid flat around the circumference of the black tent and stacked. This amazing mafrash was made by Qashqa'i nomads in Fars, south-western Persia around 1900 in soumak technique and is complete with leather handles and tie-straps on the top. These storage bags make very decorative seats in the home by stuffing them with foam in order to give them substance and show them off as they might have been used in nomadic life. Size: 92cm (3' 0") long x 53cm (1' 9") wide x 33cm (1' 1") deep.

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