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ANTIQUE PERSIAN RASHT EMBROIDERY OF FINE CLASSIC DESIGN, SILK & FELT APPLIQUE WORK, CIRCA 1880.

Price

GBP 1,950
| USD $2,639 | EUR 2,282

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Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 150 cm (59.1")

Width = 130 cm (51.2")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Size: 4ft 11in x 4ft 3in (150 x 130cm). Antique Persian Rasht embroidery in silk with felt applique work. Circa 1880. This outstanding example has a fine classical design and great detail, a beautiful example of type. 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 jo...

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