

**SA1189122**

## ANTIQUE PERSIAN RASHT EMBROIDERY WITH STAR MEDALLION, SILK ON RED FELT, CIRCA 1900.

Price

**GBP 1,950**

| USD \$2,639 | EUR 2,282

**Item Reference: SA1189122****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 154 cm (60.6")

Width = 151 cm (59.4")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

## Description

Size: 5ft 1in x 4ft 11in (154 x 151cm). Antique Persian Rasht embroidery in silk on red felt. Circa 1900. This outstanding example has a fine classical design with a large central star medallion and all over floral design. The embroidery work in silk is very fine and detailed. 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 in...

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