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Antique Turkmen Bukcha,
Yomut Tribes, Trans-Caspian
Steppes, Turkmenistan, Central
Asia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1206249

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 69 cm (27.2")

Width = 69 cm (27.2")

Description

This fabulous 'bukcha' - a bag which was made for containing the large, flat wedding bread - was made by Yomut Turkmen in the trans-Caspian Steppes during the last quarter of the 19th century and a similar example is illustrated in my 3rd edition 'Tribal Rugs - Treasures of the Black Tent' on page 49. However, an unusual and rare aspect of the design in this bukcha is the use of the 'kotchak' symbol on all four panels. After the bread was presented to the bridegroom at the wedding ceremony, it was utilised by the bride for containing her most treasured small possessions. This was a highly-prized weaving and was never intended to be sold commercially. It is woven in a specific way: four triangles are knotted to the sides of a rectangular flat-weave kilim and, when folded inwards, they form the envelope shape of the bukcha. Three flaps are sewn together with the upper flap being left loose to act as the opener. Considered to rank as one of the most highly regarded weavings in a Turkmen collection, bukchas are now very rare and this beautiful piece has been completely preserved with its braided surrounding band containing tassels. Size: 69cm x 69cm (2' 3" x 2' 3") excluding...

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