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Antique Salt-Bag, Qashqa'i Confederacy, Shekarlu Tayefeh, Fars Province, South-West Persia.

Price

GBP 750

| USD \$1,013 | EUR 877

Item Reference: SA1213159

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 64 cm (25.2")

Width = 50 cm (19.7")

Description

This fabulous salt-bag - 'namakdan' in Persian - was woven by the Shekarlu nomads of the Qashqa'i Confederacy in Fars Province, south-west Persia at the end of the 19th century. The face of the bag is woven in narrow, horizontal bands of weft-float and overlay/underlay brocading in typical, vegetable-dye Qashqa'i orange combined with a beautiful, old pea-green, madder-red, aubergine, shades of indigo-blue and dark-brown. The back is in various horizontal band sizes in plain-weave technique. Interestingly, and rarely seen, are the heavily over-bound selvages in brocaded black goat-hair, presumably for resilience and where the weaver has also inserted different colour wool tufts, which will have symbolised good-luck. The namakdan was originally made to contain rock-salt and this superb bag is in original, complete condition with untouched braided handles protruding from the neck. Size: 64 x 50cm (2' 1" x 1' 8").

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