

**SA1229949**

Antique Turkmen Asmalyk,  
Chowdur Tribe, Aralo-Caspian  
Steppes, Turkmenistan, Central  
Asia.

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA1229949**

**Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 135 cm (53.1")

## Description

Asmalyks or wedding trappings, come in two basic shapes, the pentagonal asmalyks of the Yomut and Teke and the large rectangular shape of the Chowdur, Ersary and various other Turkmen tribes. This stunning asmalyk was made by Chowdur tribes in the Aralo-Caspian basin around the middle to third quarter 19th century. It was part of a private Swiss collection that was initially acquired during the last part of the nineteenth century and no later than 1910. It is in excellent condition, complete with original hanging tassels and comprises three Chowdur guls decorating the central field. This is a rare and superb example of Chowdur Turkmen wedding trappings, originally made in pairs in order to decorate the bridal camel and afterwards, hung in the wedding yurt to symbolise power and fertility. Size: 43 x 1.35m (1' 5" x 4' 5") excluding tassels.

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