

SA272912

Antique Turkmen Engsi, Tekke
Tribes, Merv Oasis,
Turkmenistan, Central Asia

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA272912

Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 150 cm (59.1")

Width = 125 cm (49.2")

Description

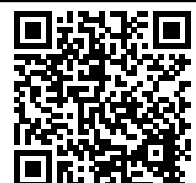
This fabulous Tekke Engsi (inner-Yurt door hanging) is of the rare variety - referred to as an 'animal-tree' engsi! These 'animal-tree' engsis all have similarities - the main madder-red border has a continuous vine pattern and at the base of the rug, the depiction of two totemic creatures standing each side of a 'tree of life'. This engsi too is very symbolic with 5 horizontal bands of double-headed sun-birds in the lower panel and 7 bands in the upper panel - 5s and 7s were magic cosmic numbers to these shamanistic nomads. A truly wonderful rug made circa 1870. Size: 1.50m x 1.25m (5' 0" x 4' 1").

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