

SA460750

Antique Turkmen Engsi, Teke Tribes, Turkmenistan, Central Asia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA460750

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 152 cm (59.8")

Width = 114 cm (44.9")

Description

This beautiful 'engsi' (yurt door rug) was made by Teke Turkmen during the last quarter of the 19th century. In near-mint condition, the vegetable-dye wool is soft and luxurious. The engsi was the inner door hanging within the Turkmen yurt - properly known as an 'oy' - and symbolically represented the gateway to Paradise where the bottom panel depicted the 'sky-door' which then led into the symbolic '4-gardens of Paradise'. The '4-gardens' are divided by a cross in the centre - the cross being a pre-Islamic symbol for breaking evil down into 4 distinct parts. This is a truly nomadic pre-Islamic rug - part of the shamanistic beliefs of the ancient Turkmen nomads. Size: 1.52m x 1.14m (5' 0" x 3' 9").

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