

SA575621

Antique 'Tasheh' (Wheat Sack),
Luri-Bakhtiari Tribes, Western
Persia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA575621

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 107 cm (42.1")

Width = 100 cm (39.4")

Description

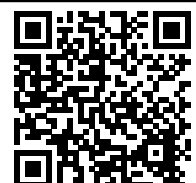
This 'tasheh' was made by Luri-Bakhtiari nomads around 1900. Made as a wheat sack ('tasheh' in Persian) on the loom as seen now, both sides would be drawn together, as well as the base, and sewn up with goat hair leaving an opening at the top into which could be poured the wheat. The central part of the tasheh always had a bottle-shape in knotted-pile which I believe was the family motif and symbolically represented the bounty of God. Sadly, these tashehs were no longer made after the 1940s when plastic and gunny sacks arrived in the Iranian bazaars from the West. Therefore why should a nomad take months to weave such useful sacks when the nomad could barter for plastic sacks! A sad end to a wonderful tribal art. Today, tashehs make attractive and decorative wall-hangings. Size: 1.07m x 1.00m (3' 6" x 3' 3").

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