

SA681589

Antique Dining Sofreh, Qashqa'i
Nomads, Fars Province,
South-West Persia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA681589

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 210 cm (82.7")

Width = 76 cm (29.9")

Description

Probably the majority of tribal dining sofrehs can be found amongst the Baluch and Timuri tribes with the majority of bread sofrehs found amongst the Afshar nomads. Dining sofrehs or flatweaves made by the Qashqa'i nomads are rare. Found in Iran, this striking sofreh was made during the early part of the 20th century and bar a small expert re-woven area, it is in original, complete condition. The tufts of wool on the sides of the sofreh were inserted, I suspect, for symbolising good luck. Dining sofrehs were used like a western tablecloth, spread on the tent floor at mealtimes or when entertaining important guests, and bowls of food, bread and tea placed on the sofreh. The tribespeople would then sit around the sofreh and eat. In today's modern home, this sofreh might be used as a hall runner with an effective underlay. Size: 2.10m x 0.76m (6' 11" x 2' 6").

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