

SA687395

Antique Kurdish Bag-Face, Jaf Tribes, Kurdistan.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA687395****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 90 cm (35.4")

Width = 104 cm (40.9")

Description

Just magnificent! The range of colours and juxtaposition of design is superb. Bag-faces like this one turn up from time to time - some are fairly ordinary - a very few like this one, are outstanding! Made by Kurdish Jaf nomads in the second half 19th century, this was either one large storage bag - missing its back - or one half of a very large saddle-bag. The remains of the lappits can be seen at the top of the bag - slightly ragged but nevertheless, complete. The overall lozenge effect are in fact symbolic 'birds-heads' - guardians of the gates of Paradise - and they can be seen disappearing under the borders and out into infinity. Therefore, the field of this bag is only a small part of that infinity which has been captured and protected by the borders that encircle it. Size: 1.04m x 0.90m (3' 5" x 3' 0").

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