

SA691300

Fine Taskent Suzani,
Uzbekistan, circa 1850, 2.43m x
2.17m

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA691300

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 243 cm (95.7")

Width = 217 cm (85.4")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Suzanis are one of the major textile art forms from the East. The embroiderers of Uzbekistan have been making beautiful suzanis (translated as 'needlework') since at least the 18th century. Very often they were made by the womenfolk of a family in preparation for a young girl's dowry, so they were made to a very high standard and endowed with great significance. They were made to be used for a variety of purposes, as bedcovers, curtains, wall hangings, table covers and other utility functions. They would adorn the new bride's home and reveal her prowess as an embroiderer and artist. Each weaving area or oasis developed its own distinctive style with slightly different embroidery techniques, dyes and designs. This wonderful piece comes from Tashkent, now the capital of Uzbekistan. It is a highly dramatic and impressive piece. The roundels represent ancient cosmological symbols and are drawn with great proportions and artistry. Note the subtle changes in the roundels, an indication of an early date for the production of this piece. Note also the use of an aubergine dye, an early dye which disappeared around the mid-19th century which dates this piece to 1850 or earlier. Ve...

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