

SA790662

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

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA790662

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 153 cm (60.2")

Width = 125 cm (49.2")

Description

This fabulous Turkmen 'engsi' - yurt-door rug - was made by Teke tribes around 1870 and is in near-mint condition. The glowing madder-red ground on the most glossy, velvet-like wool, shows the best quality Teke work done during the nineteenth century. The engsi was made as a door-rug - hung at the entrance of the Turkmen yurt on the inside and symbolising the gateway to Paradise. The central 'cross' divides the field into the four gardens of Paradise, the pentagonal shape or 'kejebe' at the top represents power and fertility and the lower element is the 'sky-door' or gateway to Paradise. This ranks as one of the best Teke engsis of this period - a truly superb rug. Size: 1.53 x 1.25m (5' 0" x 4' 1").

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