

SA811543

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

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA811543

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 163 cm (64.2")

Width = 128 cm (50.4")

Description

The 'engsi' was the door hanging on the inside of the Turkmen yurt and was an extremely symbolic rug, representing the gateway to Paradise. The pointed pentagonal symbol at the top was not a prayer-niche as often wrongly mistaken for, but like the Turkmen asmalyk, was a symbol representing power and fertility. The central cross divided the field into the four symbolic gardens of Paradise where the cross was a pre-Islamic symbol for breaking down evil. This superb engsi was made by Teke Turkmen circa 1860 and what is stunning here, is the fabulous, glowing red colour, derived from the madder-root. It is in very good overall condition with nice soft wool. A truly great example. Size: 1.63m x 1.28m (5' 4" x 4' 2").

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