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Antique Bread Sofreh, Afshar
Nomads, Kerman Province,
Southern Persia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA825669

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 120 cm (47.2")

Width = 115 cm (45.3")

Description

I love the movement of flowing water represented by zig-zags, in this stunning bread sofreh woven by Afshar nomads in Kerman Province, southern Persia during the early 20th century. Bread sofrehs were specifically made for kneading the dough to make the delicious Persia bread, 'lavash'. When I went in search of bread sofrehs in the 1990s and 2000s, they were generally caked in flour to the point that the designs were undiscernible. However, once washed, out poured the vibrant natural colours that you see here with designs, usually symbolic, inspired by the weaver's own woven art. I can see in this sofreh, the large eye in the centre, symbolically warding off evil spirits and surrounded by the zig-zags of flowing water. Such antique bread sofrehs are now scarce in Iran and make fabulous wall art here in the West. Size: 1.15m x 1.20m (3' 9" x 4' 0").

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