

SA882674

Antique Vanity-Bag, Bakhtiari Nomads, The Chahar Mahal, Western Persia.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA882674****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Description

Vanity-bags or 'chantehs' in Persian, were for women's use only and items kept in these small bags consisted of jewellery, mirrors and coins. Vanity-bags were highly prized amongst the women and were never intended for commercial sale - only for their own use. Today, little bags like this one are virtually gone within the nomadic tribes of Iran and thus becoming very scarce and collectible in the West. This charming little chanteh with a face in natural-dye knotted-pile and a plain-weave back with what I suspect might be a large 'eye' to ward off evil, was made by Bakhtiari nomads in the Chahar Mahal region of western Persia circa 1900. Even the large ivory and blue diamond-shape on the pile face might also represent an 'eye'. Note the cross at the top of the eye - a symbol for breaking down the power of evil. Size: 20cm x 20cm (8" x 8").

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