

SA911756

Antique Turkmen Bukcha,
Yomut Tribe, Trans-Caspian
Steppes, Turkmenistan, Central
Asia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA911756

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 73 cm (28.7")

Width = 73 cm (28.7")

Description

The Bukcha is shaped like an envelope and was initially made to carry a large loaf of flat-bread which was symbolically important at the wedding ceremony. Afterwards, it was used by the bride for containing her most treasured small possessions. It is woven in a specific way: four triangles are knotted to the sides of a rectangular flat-weave kilim and, when folded inwards, they form an envelope shape of the bukcha. Three flaps are sewn together with the upper flap being left loose to act as the opener. Bukchas are incredibly rare today and were considered as one of the most highly regarded weavings in any Turkmen collection. This fabulous bukcha was made by a young Yomut Turkmen girl in the trans-Caspian Steppes, probably around the third to last quarter of the nineteenth century. Please refer to page 49 in the third edition of my book 'Tribal Rugs - Treasures of the Black Tent' for a similar example. Size: 73cm x 73cm (2' 5" x 2' 5").

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