

SA915484

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

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA915484

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 104 cm (40.9")

Width = 102 cm (40.2")

Description

Some of the most quirky bread sofrehs are those of the Afshar nomads in Kerman Province, southern Persia. I just love them, not only for their spontaneous symbolic patterns but as great examples of woven wall art. Bread sofrehs were made specifically to knead the dough on before baking the bread - 'lavash' in Persian. They were utilitarian and never intended for commercial sale. Thus the weaver was free to express her own thoughts when weaving these sofrehs. My own thoughts on the expression here is that the zig-zags symbolised flowing water as what was important to these nomads, apart from salt, was bread and water. This stunning sofreh, recently acquired in Iran, was made in the 1920s and is in very good condition. Size: 1.04m x 1.02m (3' 5" x 3' 4").

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