

SA981078

Antique 'Balisht' (pillow-bag),
Baluch Tribes, Khorassan
Province, North-East Persia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA981078

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 86 cm (33.9")

Width = 45 cm (17.7")

Description

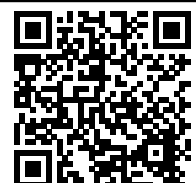
The pillow-bag or 'balisht' in Persian, had to be knotted with the highest quality glossy wool so that it was a soft surface for the head to be placed on during periods of relaxation and sleep. Few balishts today retain their original flat-woven backs as in most cases, the backs were cut off by unscrupulous dealers in order to sell the balisht as a small rug! This beautiful balisht, with its soft, natural camel-hair field, has a rare design of Turkmen-type octagonal guls, each containing double-headed sun-birds or sun-dogs in the centre and surrounded by 'S' or dragon motifs - symbols of protection. The bag is complete with narrow-banded plain-weave back and the remains of the goat-hair ties and lappets at the top opening which I have had secured to prevent any further deterioration. This balisht has been in my personal collection for the past 40 years and it is the only one of its type I've come across in that time. Size: 86cm x 45cm (2' 10" x 1' 6").

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