

SA981086

Antique Salt-Bag, Qashqa'i
Tribes, Fars Province,
South-West Persia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA981086

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 66 cm (26.0")

Width = 50 cm (19.7")

Description

What is important in nomadic tribal life is bread, salt and water. Salt-bags were specifically used for containing lumps of rock-salt which was given to the animals during long migrations to help in the dehydration process. This bag, woven by Qashqa'i nomads in Fars, south-west Persia circa 1890-1900 has an exciting 'zig-zag' design all over the face. I remember discussing symbolism with an elderly Qashqa'i woman in the 1970s and she said that zig-zags represented flowing water. So here we have the water and salt! The back of the bag is woven in narrow bands of plain-weave, both in dyed and undyed wool. The bag is complete with braided warp threads, tied with coloured wool and originally used for threading a pole through which the shepherd would then carry over his shoulder. The bag is in excellent condition. Size: 66cm x 50cm (2' 2" x 1' 8").

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