

Basic Detail Report



Rug

Date

c. 1910

Primary Maker

Navajo

Medium

Wool

Description

The creation of Navajo rugs shifted to a commercial enterprise in the late 19th century. By 1980, two-thirds of the blankets woven by the Navajo were produced for nontribal use. Because demand for these rugs increased, traders encouraged weavers to employ different stylistic elements like the border which was used to frame central designs. This rug comes from the Crystal Trading Post. Early Crystal rugs such as this are especially known for Victorian influence as the oriental designs of this era were quite popular. Many of these crystal-style rugs sold in the early 1900s. Rugs of this style are typically bordered with crosses, diamonds, the terrace, hook and fork pattern, swastikas, arrows and the meandering line seen around this rug's outer edge. They are also characterized by the use of white, black and grey wool only.

Dimensions

52 × 83 in. (132.1 × 210.8 cm)