

Basic Detail Report



Textile

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Miao

Medium

Cotton and silk

Description

The textiles of the Miao in Southwest China are appreciated for their exuberant, decorative qualities. Girls learn how to weave and decorate textiles at a young age, as it is considered an essential skill. The quality and skill of one's weaving and decoration is often a consideration for choosing a potential wife. Miao girls make their own trousseau, and it is likely a blanket or mat such as this was made for such a purpose. If not, it is possible that this blanket was made by a woman at another time out of a need for such a textile. Also possible is that the inset embroidery was part of a different garment or textiles that we repurposed for this textile. In this instance, the border would be originally and added to the panel.

Dimensions

19 × 68 in. (48.3 × 172.7 cm)