



## Wedding Blanket

**Date**  
19th to 20th Century

**Primary Maker**  
Dong

**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 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 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.

### Dimensions

41 1/2 × 70 in. (105.4 × 177.8 cm)