



Wedding Blanket

Date
20th Century

Primary Maker
Zhuang

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 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. The designs within the diamonds in this blanket appear to be flowers and suns.

Dimensions

36 3/4 × 51 1/2 in. (93.3 × 130.8 cm)