

Ethnic Tribal Nomadic Textile Oriental Artifact

You may find similar “*newer*” hats that are mass produced by machine for a lower price, but this is an actual piece of vintage handcrafted tribal history that is unique enough to be displayed with other fine textile Oriental artifacts in a museum or personal collection.

The term «suzani» («needle», «sewing by a needle») origins from Tadjik language «suzan» - "needle". **Suzani, suzane**, is the decoratively embroidered panel either on a white or color cotton fabric or silk, widespread among the people of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and used as an element of interior decoration.

This style of hat is worn throughout Central Asia, Southern Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean area. The amazing handwork is sometimes done with a mix of silk, wool, cotton or velvet and is worn on the crown of the head. It easily folds up to be carried in a pocket.

This traditional ethnic hat has gold and silver threads running through it and is adorned with nickel silver coins, tin alloy trinkets, sea shells, coral, and inlaid colored glass in the pendants that are hand sewn onto this colorful embroidered cap making it an expressive art form in its finest presentation.

Hats that are adorned with trinkets such as these are considered a form of currency that can be used along their journey to help restock their needs as they travel from one area to another in their nomadic lifestyle.

Condition: excellent, original, antique, purchased from a nomadic tribe in Uzbekistan through a antique textile dealer. The circumference is 7” inches across with muted colors in grey, orange, salmon pink, red, brown and blue. This amazing bejeweled coin hat would make a great item for your textile Oriental collection as well as a perfect hat for authentic ethnic dancing, or even belly dance wear.

All handmade items can have some small variations in design materials and depending on your computer monitor's resolution and color settings, the picture may differ slightly in color from the actual item. ALL ITEMS SOLD “AS IS”. All inquires welcome.