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EMBROIDERED MIAO BABY CARRIER TEXTILE

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c. 1850 • China • Silk, Cotton • Collection #CMPZ005 W: 20.75" D: 1.5" H: 26.0"

The connection between love and embroidery is nowhere stronger than among the minority peoples of China. Handstitched by a mother herself or gifted by the women in her family, the baby carrier not only kept the baby close, it acted as a visual reminder of a family's love and devotion.

This embroidered textile panel dates to the mid-19th century and is attributed to a Miao woman of Southern China. The central panel of a baby carrier, this textile would have been sewn to several long fabric straps used tie the carrier to a woman's back. Continued...

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The panel is comprised of colorful cotton fabrics and stitched with dense, raised embroidery of flowering scrollwork, peony blossoms, and double gourds. Set within a simple frame for display, this embroidered baby carrier is a beautiful example of Chinese minority textile art.