

DIAMOND SAMARKAND RUNNER CARPET

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c. 1930 • Turkestan • Wool • Collection #CFC543 W: 133.0" D: 35.0" H: 0.25"

One of the most remote locations in Asia, the area known as East Turkestan was a pivotal stop along the Silk Road, uniting the cultures of India, Persia, and China. This rich multicultural mix is reflected in the exquisite carpets created in the region, which combine Turkoman designs with Islamic motifs and Chinese color palettes. For centuries, nomadic weavers from all across East Turkestan have travelled to the oasis towns of Samarkand, Kashgar, and Khotan to sell their woven wares. Continued...

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Dated to the early 20th century, this Samarkand runner carpet is beautifully knotted with a repeating pattern of geometric diamond medallions. Also known as a 'hooked lozenge' motif, the abstract design is common in carpets throughout Central Asia offers a basic template for weavers to experiment with pattern and color. Rendered in a gorgeous palette of pinks, purples, and yellows, this antique runner carpet adds warmth and beauty to modern interiors.

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