



19th century Tibetan sitting carpet with a floral medallion design



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code	TC220
size (m)	1.59x0.78 approx
estimated age	mid 19th century
comments	<p>A superb example of a classic type of 19th century Tibetan carpet with a medallion design, derived from silk brocade patterns. The wool is thick, of excellent quality and has almost no wear. Presumably this carpet was kept in a box and not used or placed in a rarely-used guest room. The dark purplish red color suggests that it was a gift to a monastery, probably used (as were many fine carpets) in the private rooms of a senior lama.</p> <p>Vegetable dyes (probably madder with a touch of indigo). Wool warp and weft</p>

