

RUGS DESCRIPTION

Rug Number CU-978

Title Antique
American
Hooked Rug

Size 1ft 09in X 2ft 10in
0m 53cm X 0m 86cm



Description:

Hooked rugs are an American creation. They are primarily a folk craft in which burlap sackings is used for the foundation and yarn or shredded fabric is pulled through by a hooked tool to create a pile and pattern. The sizes of early pieces are generally small limited by the dimensions of the burlap sack. They may be pictorial figural abstract and geometric or a mix of all. They are a creation first of New England and later the rural mid-west. This attractive example has a vertically marbled field created by strips of fabric. In this way old clothes or bedding were usefully recycled. The ivory border is decorated with squares of solid color providing a firm frame to the shifting watery field pattern. The folk artist accumulated fabrics in various colors until enough were available to create this polychrome effect. Many hooked rugs are darker with fewer colors. This one is particularly lively.
