

RUGS DESCRIPTION

Rug Number	U-1342
Title	Antique Subdued Khotan Gallery Size Rug
Size	6ft 08in X 13ft 01in 2m 3cm X 3m 98cm



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Antique Subdued Khotan Gallery Size Rug 6'8 x 13'1. An Antique Khotan with a natural abrash on the borders. An abrash is a natural change in color that occurs when different dyes are used and gives uniqueness and extra beauty to the rug. The rug has been given a wash to soften the colors. Samarkand, now in Uzbekistan, was a gathering point for rugs woven in western China, among them those from the Silk Road city of Khotan. Kashgar and Yarkand were other prominent rug weaving centres in Xinjiang province. The pomegranate tree stemming from a vase, an ancient oriental fertility symbol, is a common design on Khotan carpets. Many Khotans are in the 7' by 13' size, determined by local use. The colour schemes are unique, employing red, orange and yellow, but subdued and eminently decorative. Although there are no silk Khotans, silk and metal thread Kashgars in restrained tones are highly coveted, while the more brightly toned all silk Yarkands are quite rare.
