

RUGS DESCRIPTION

Rug Number U-1509

Title Antique Turkish Oushak Rug

Size 13ft 00in X 16ft 00in
3m 96cm X 4m 87cm



Description:

Delicate botanical patterns woven in soft rose and creams cover the central field on this antique Oushak rug from Turkey. A border of palmettes and repeating floral patterns is surrounded by four floral guard-bands. Oushak's are known for their soft palettes combined with eccentric drawing. Oushak in western Turkey has the longest continuous rug weaving history, stretching back at least to the mid-fifteenth century. It has always been oriented commercially, supplying rugs and carpets, from scatters up to enormous mansion sizes, to both the Turkish/Ottoman domestic markets and to exports into Britain, and America. The best-known family portrait of George Washington has an Oushak beneath the Founder and his family. Doesn't get more esteemed than that. Of course, the carpets have constantly changed as tastes, trends, styles, and markets evolved. In the late 19th/early 20th centuries, Persian or Persianate patterns were adopted, and dimensions mutated into Western room sizes.
