

## RUGS DESCRIPTION

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**Rug Number** U-1720

**Title** Vintage Turkish Oushak Rug

**Size** 11ft 04in X 12ft 11in  
3m 45cm X 3m 93cm



**Description:**

The soft colors in the field which is filled with repeating floral motifs is surrounded by a main border in soft reds to create a rug that has harmony in this antique Turkish Oushak. 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.

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