

RUGS DESCRIPTION

Rug Number U-3838

Title Antique Turkish Oushak Rug

Size 12ft 04in X 15ft 07in
3m 75cm X 4m 74cm



Description:

The wonderful design in this antique Oushak has a soft beige ground filled with large floral designs enclosed in a gentle blue border. Oushaks 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.
