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Antique Qashqai Tribal Rug in Blue and Red, Circa 1900

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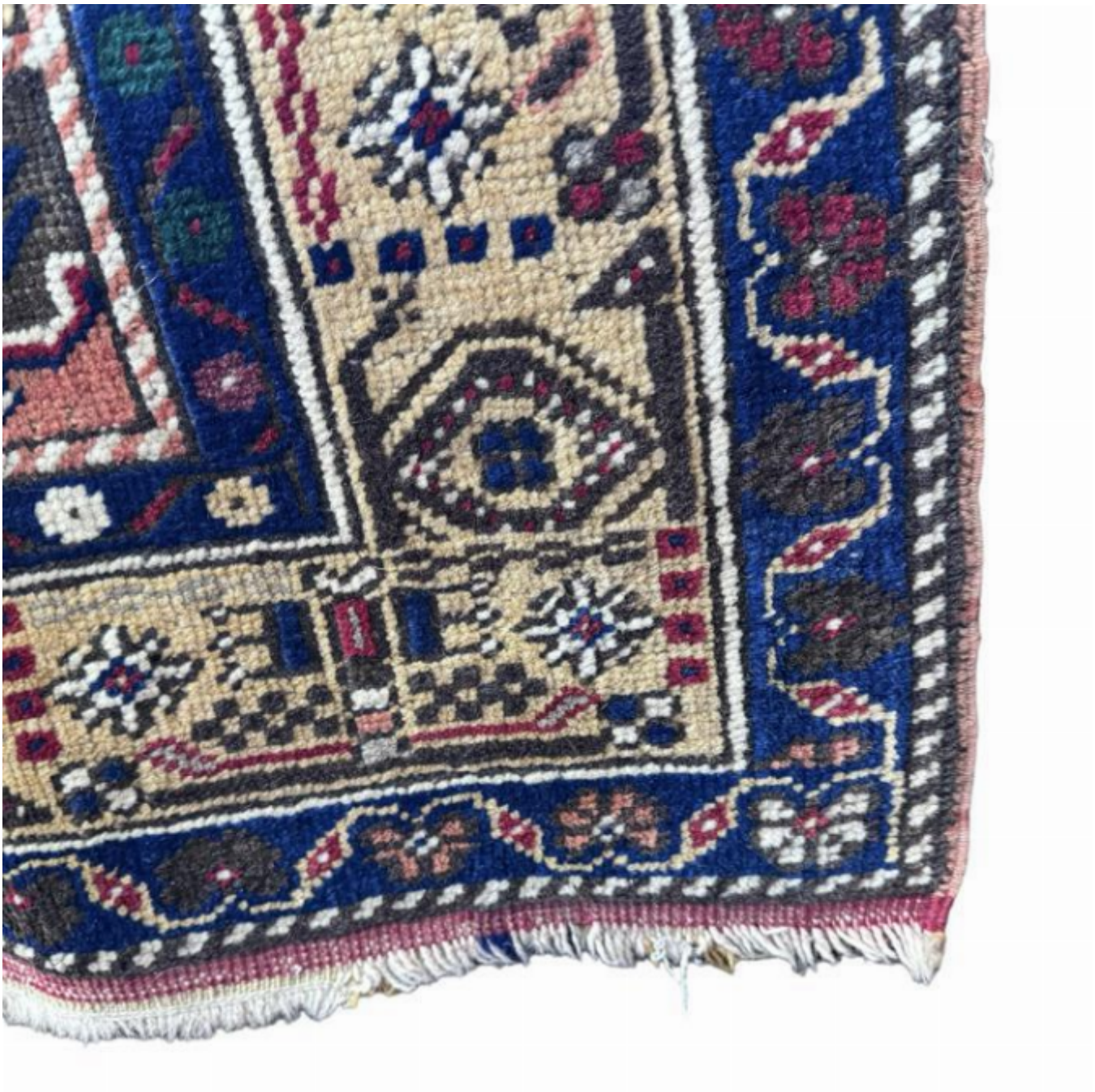

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Height: 180 cm (70.9")

Width: 120 cm (47.2")

Description

A richly coloured antique Qashqai rug, woven in southern Persia around 1900. Characterised by its deeply saturated blues and reds, this striking tribal weaving has the warmth, vitality, and graphic strength for which Qashqai rugs are so admired.

The Qashqai were a confederation of nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes whose weavings are celebrated for their expressive colour, individual character, and finely balanced designs. Produced on portable looms, their rugs were both functional domestic textiles and deeply personal works of art, with patterns and colours passed through generations of skilled women weavers. The most appealing examples retain a sense of this handmade vitality: subtle variations in tone, irregularities in the weave, and a visual energy that cannot be replicated by machine-made carpets.

Here, the contrast between rich reds and cool indigo-blue tones gives the rug remarkable depth and presence. Its strong palette allows it to sit beautifully in a traditional interior, yet its abstracted tribal character is equally effective in a more contemporary setting. The naturally varied dyes and handwoven surface bring warmth and texture to a floor, wall, or furniture arrangement.

A handsome and authentic example of Persian tribal weaving, this Qashqai rug would make a rewarding addition to a collection of antique textiles or a distinctive decorative element in a sitting room, study, bedroom, or hallway.

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