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Large 19th-Century Anatolian Malatya Sinan Kilim Runner

£795

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Height: 5500 cm (2165.4")

Width: 86 cm (33.9")

Description

A superb and generously proportioned 19th-century hand-knotted Anatolian kilim runner, attributed to the Malatya Sinan region of eastern Turkey. Rich in colour, rhythm, and tribal character, the design is composed of alternating repeating geometric motifs arranged in a strong, balanced sequence along the length of the field.

The precisely drawn forms create a lively interplay of colour and pattern, while the repeated medallion-like elements give the runner a powerful decorative presence. Its bold geometry is softened by the warmth and subtle variation of the hand-worked wool, producing the depth and irregularity that make antique Anatolian weavings so compelling.

Kilim runners from this region were made for both practical and decorative use within the home, and their distinctive patterns reflect a long tradition of rural weaving. The alternating motifs and confident use of colour are characteristic of the visual language associated with Malatya area textiles, where graphic design, symbolism, and everyday craftsmanship were closely intertwined.

A particularly striking example of 19th-century Anatolian weaving, this large runner would bring texture, history, and colour to a hallway, gallery, landing, or interior with a layered decorative scheme. It is equally appealing to collectors of antique tribal rugs and to those seeking an individual textile with genuine age and character.

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