

Rug - Zili Dragon carpet

Textile and Costume Collection

Accession Nr.: 20883 

Date of production: second half of the 19th cent.

Place of production: **Caucasus region; Karabakh region**

Materials: **cotton; wool**

Techniques: **woven in sumak technic**

Dimensions: length: 290 cm
width: 220 cm

This rug, originally intended as a cover, was woven in two pieces and sewn together in the middle. Also known as "Dragon Zili" rugs, these carpets were mainly woven in the Jabrail District of Artsak (Nagorno-Karabagh), using the soumak technique. Their characteristic pattern consists of stylized dragons in the shape of an "S" aligned in horizontal and vertical rows. The colour of the dragon alternates; their bodies are filled with tinier "S" motifs; the spaces in between with human, animal, and geometric patterns. In Azerbaijan and Russian literature, such items are called Verneh (Varni) covers. Its speciality lies in the fact that the direction of the "S"-shaped dragons in the bottom row of the right side is opposite the rest.

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