

Tapestry - Tree of life

Textile and Costume Collection

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Artist/Maker: Szenes, Zsuzsa (1931 - 2001) / glass-engraver

Date of production: 1968

Place of production: Hungary

Materials: cotton canvas base (presumably); wool yarn

Techniques: sewn

Dimensions: length: 141 cm
width: 94 cm

The organically unfolding shape of the central motif of the stylized tree shows the plant in its entirety: the large system of roots under the surface of the ground, the trunk, and the foliage. The tree of life as a title and symbolic theme also appears in other works of the artist that employ similar techniques.

Zsuzsa Szenes often used a technique she called 'wool-stitching': she attached the coloured unspun wool yarn to the base fabric in free swirling shapes, with slightly spun, coloured wool yarn, exploiting the playful graphic possibilities of the technique.

