

# Antique Sheesha, Mirror Embroidery, 156 X 210 Cm, Gujarat, 1970, Very Good Condition, Folk Art



#### 390 EUR

Period: 20th century

Condition: Très bon état

Material: Linen

Length: 210 cm - 83"

Width: 156 cm - 61"

## Description

"Antique Mirror Embroidery or Sheesha, 156 x 210 cm, Gujarat, India, 1970, very good condition" There was a time when many people made the great journey to India, crossing every border without a hitch. How times have changed! From the collection of a former hippie, a tireless traveler, who spent many years in India and preserved these textiles with reverence. A magnificent antique example of mirror embroidery, called Sheesha in India, circa 1970. Textiles that bear no resemblance to those of today. This type of embroidery is done on colored cotton fabric using cross-stitch with insets of small round mirrors. Modern or contemporary art before its time, it depicts landscapes or villages. This craft originated in Persia in the 13th century, which speaks to the antiquity of this technique,

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and was introduced to India during the Mughal period around the 17th century. Kathiawar and Kach are important centers of chain stitch embroidery. The most characteristic work is seen on old satin and cotton skirts embroidered with the lustrous silks, scattered with flowers and borders of flowers and birds. Many places in Rajputana and Punjab are renowned for their embroidered bodices. In almost all of these works, countless small pieces of mirrored glass are used, forming part of the design and attached with a circle using buttonhole stitch. The quantity of glass is sometimes so great that the weight of the garment makes it uncomfortable. This type of work is also found in Afghanistan, but with a slightly different technique. Dimensions: 156 cm (61") x 210 cm (83"). Very good condition. FREE SHIPPING WITHIN FRANCE via Colissimo EUR0 / EUR EUR15 / WORLDWIDE EUR25. For more information, you can contact me at +33 6 13 36 09 30 or on winsteinprovence@gmail.com www.winsteinprovence.com Texts and photos by Winstein - all rights reserved REF WINSTEIN 1483 / 1 ROSE