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Coptic Egypt, 7th-8th Centuries - Two Fragments Of Ancient Textiles With Geometric Patterns



190 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Linen

Length : 15 et 18 cm

Description

Coptic Egypt, 7th-8th century - Two fragments of ancient textiles with geometric patternsTwo fragmentary strips of fabric from Coptic garments, woven and decorated with polychrome geometric patterns. Based on their style, composition, and color palette, these pieces can be dated to the 7th-8th centuries CE.-First fragment (18 cm): black geometric motifs on a red background.-Second fragment (15 cm): blue and white geometric motifs on a red background.These pieces originally belonged to garments from Christian Egypt, serving as their decorative bands. They were found in large numbers in ancient Egyptian necropolises, where the particularly dry desert conditions allowed for the remarkable preservation of the textiles and their colors.Beginning in the second half of the

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19th century, and more specifically between 1880 and 1930, numerous archaeological discoveries supplied the European market with fragments of Coptic textiles. Among the main sites of discovery are Antinoe (Antinoopolis), famous for the excavations led by Albert Gayet, Akhmim (ancient Panopolis), as well as the Fayoum region and Hawara. These necropolises yielded large quantities of garments, tunics, and funerary textiles. At that time, these fragments were highly sought after by European travelers and collectors. They were frequently acquired as travel souvenirs, testifying to the antiquity and refinement of Egyptian textile arts. Their distinctive aesthetic--particularly their color combinations and geometric compositions--also sparked keen interest among artists and decorative art enthusiasts in the early 20th century. Provenance: former Normandy collection, acquired at auction.Two charming examples of Coptic Egyptian textile art, presented in their original fragmentary state.Price does not include shipping costsPolice Registry Ref.: A271Professional antique dealer - Guarantee & peace of mind when purchasingAs a professional antique dealer, I am committed to offering only authentic items that have been carefully selected and are legally marketable. Each piece is chosen for its historical, aesthetic, or collectible value and undergoes a rigorous verification of its provenance.Invoice and Traceability. Each purchase comes with a detailed invoice and a certificate of authenticity, guaranteeing the item's provenance and ensuring complete transparency.Legal Compliance. All items comply with current French and European legislation. Any archaeological items are offered in accordance with the Heritage Code (Articles L.542-1 et seq.). Items that may be subject to specific regulations (cultural artifacts, antiques, items made of specific materials) are sold strictly in accordance with the law.International Buyers. Buyers outside of France are advised to verify the regulations applicable in their country regarding

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