

Basic Detail Report



Mendil Ĥajj

Date

ca. 1930s

Medium

silk, wool

Description

Silk warp, wool weft. Gold ground with white and gold hand embroidery; chain stitch. Two edges are fringed with

small braided cording; other two edges are formed by the selvage. FA. 72.25-5f Mendil Ĥajj (1930s) This kind of mendil was given to wives by husbands who made the pilgrimage to Mecca. It is thus called mendil Ĥajj or "pilgrimage scarf." It was folded to form a triangle and worn on the head. This mendil is of orange silk ghabānī cloth which was woven in Aleppo, Syria. The all-over pattern of flowers in diamonds is distinctive of this fabric. The orange and white silk embroidery is machine chain-stitched and is called in Arabic taṭriz ruhbānī ("monk stitching"). The tassels on the two ends are formed from the warp threads. Length: 169 cm. Width: 158 cm. (Palestinian Costume and Jewelry, Yedida Kalfon Stillman, 1979 ISBN: 0-82630490-7)

Dimensions

overall: 1 M 58 CM X 1 M 70 CM