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# PAGODA RED

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## TIBETAN SADDLE CARPET WITH FLORAL MEDALLIONS

**\$2,880**

c. 1900 • Tibet • Wool, Fabric • Collection #CFC311

W: 50.0" D: 26.0" H: 0.25"

This unusually-shaped carpet is known as a "makden" and was originally used by a nomadic traveler as an artful covering for his horse. Placed between the saddle and the horse, the makden cushioned the rigid saddle and kept the horse warm in cold climates. Most under-saddle carpets include two to four holes near the center, through which the girth straps of the saddle were threaded.

Dated to the late 19th century, this saddle carpet follows the conventional 'notched' shape, a rectangular form with stepped corners. The carpet has a symmetrical design featuring round central medallions combining geometric fretwork and floral motifs. Continued...



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The dark red field is enclosed by a simple meander and a main border patterned with floral scrollwork. A bright red felt trims the outermost edge. Intricately knotted in a palette of dark yellow, burgundy, and indigo, the small carpet continues to enrich its surroundings with rich color and texture.

From the collection of Frances and Gary Comer.

Carpet has significant wear to pile.

