

Basic Detail Report

Textile

Date

c. late 19th Century - early 20th Century

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

Silk and metallic thread on felted wool

Description

Olive green felted wool textile, possibly a wall hanging, embroidered in chain stitch in blue, purple, yellow, pink, and metallic threads. Outer edges are unfinished. The central medallion features an Arabic calligraphic cipher surrounded by stylized floral motifs in the center, all bordered with a wide border of abstracted calligraphic characters in scalloped, almond-shaped cartouches, alternating with stylized blue and yellow flowers and leaves. The medallion is contained with a wide rectangular border, with stylized flowers and leaves in the spandrels between the medallion and the corners of the square. The rectangular border features scalloped dark blue cartouches with abstracted calligraphic motifs in purple in the centers alternating with stylized blue and yellow flowers and white, pale yellow, and dark blue foliage. The outer scalloped, curving border includes stylized dark blue and white flowers in each scallop, alternating with fringe shaped between the curves and pale pink and yellow stylized flowers at the four corners.

Dimensions

50 × 46 1/2 inches (127 × 118.1 cm)