

# KAZAK

The name Kazak is generically used for a heterogeneous group of rugs from various parts of the Caucasus such as Georgia, Armenia, Karabagh, Azerbaijan or Dagestan. In the 19th century Kazak rugs were entirely made of wool, with long, shiny pile and large, colourful geometric patterns that varied according to where they were produced. Nineteenth century merchants did not consider Caucasian rugs as valuable: they were inexpensive and much less important than the more sought after and costly Turkish or Persian rugs. In the 20th century, however, the beauty of so many colours and of the original, fanciful patterns was rediscovered. Since time immemorial these rugs have been made by women who have handed the tradition down to their daughters. Once again Caucasian rugs are greatly admired and are so highly sought by collectors that the prices have risen considerably. In fact, they have acquired a primary position on the Oriental rug markets and are found in the catalogues of the world's finest auction houses such as Sotheby's or Christie's.

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