



OBJECT ID	2001.46.11.B
OBJECT NAME	Handkerchief
DATE CREATED	November 16, 2001
MATERIAL	Cloth
OBJECT ENTITIES	Handmade, handpainted (created by) Costas, Helen (owned by) Costas, Helen (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Cookbook, 2001.46.2 Scarf, 2001.46.10 Handkerchief, 2001.46.11.A Handkerchief, 2001.46.11.C Handkerchief, 2001.46.12.A Handkerchief, 2001.46.12.B Handkerchief, 2001.46.12.C Apron, 2001.46.9
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#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A pink, squared handkerchief from Corfu or "Kepkypa". The handkerchief depicts a landscape; mountains of green reflected in water. Birds fly from the mountains out to little islands with houses on them. A house in the foreground is the focus of the handkerchief and its dock runs all the way to the edge of the handkerchief.

#### ORIGIN

Donated by Helen Costas. Corfu is one of the largest islands in the Ionian Sea. It is a beautiful island but its history is extensive- as far back as Greek mythology- and is laden with conquests and battles. The island was said to have been founded by Poseidon who named it after his girlfriend, Kokrya. Presently, it houses Ionian University and is a popular tourist destination. The handkerchief is probably a tourists souvenir from the island.

#### CITATION

Handkerchief, November 16, 2001, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/06/24.