



OBJECT ID	1998.1.1
OBJECT NAME	Bedspread
DATE CREATED	1920
MEASUREMENTS	161.29 cm. W x 171.45 cm. L This is a textile, so the dimensions may change depending on how it is displayed., Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Cotton; Wool
OBJECT ENTITIES	Kairiazanos, Eugenia (created by) Minneci, Georgia (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Bedspread, 1998.1.2 Bedspread, 1998.1.3
ACCESS POINTS	wool

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A handwoven wool and cotton blanket, mostly orange in color. It is about 58 x 76". It features a dark orange background with a cream-colored geometric pattern. The design consists of an all-over pattern of cream-colored squares framed by lattice work of the same color. Where each of the corners of the pattern meet, there are four circles with a diamond in the middle, resembling a flower. The outside edges of the blanket are cream on one side and orange on the other. There are several fine streaks of black lines running through the cloth. The other side of the blanket has the same pattern and colors in reverse.

ORIGIN

The blankets were made by Eugenia Theodoropoulos Kairiazanos (the grandmother of the donor) for one of her daughters' doweries. She raised the sheep, sheered them, carded the wool, spun it into thread, and wove it into blankets. The donor's mother remembered her mother working on the blankets during the night. In those days, a daughter needed many blankets as a part of the dowry. When the donor went to Greece as a child, her grandmother had folded the blankets and stacked them. She was told a prospective groom would look at the height of the pile of blankets before committing to marriage.

CITATION

Bedspread, 1920, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/04/26.