



OBJECT ID	1998.1.2
OBJECT NAME	Bedsread
DATE CREATED	1920, 1920
MEASUREMENTS	164.465 cm. W x 204.47 cm. L Since this is a textile, dimensions may change depending on how it is displayed. Dimensions don't include the crocheted edges., Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Cotton; Wool
OBJECT ENTITIES	Pepones, Cathy (collected by) Theodoropoulos, by (created by) Peponis, Catherine (is related to) Kairiazanos, Eugenia (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Bedsread, 1998.1.1 Bedsread, 1998.1.3
ACCESS POINTS	handmade wool

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A handwoven wool and cotton blanket, mostly blue and white with a bold colored border. The body of the blanket is white with a blue geometric pattern woven on top. The design consists of repeating squares; white central square with blue dots framed by a blue zig-zag border punctuated by white ovals at the corners. Each of these squares is connected to each other by rows and columns of blue geometric patterns on white background. The top and bottom of the blanket is emphasized with a bold orange and cream-colored design. The colorful three inch border alternates between sections of cream with orange dots and sections that feature a series of thick orange lines with zigzags. The top and bottom of the blanket are finished with an orange and blue looped fringe.

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, 1920, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/04/24.
