



OBJECT ID	1996.95.1
OBJECT NAME	Bedsread
DATE CREATED	circa 1916
ALTERNATIVE NAME	Coverlette
MEASUREMENTS	168.275 cm. W x 225.1075000000 cm. L Since this is a textile, the dimensions may change depending on how it is displayed., Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Cotton; Lace
OBJECT ENTITIES	Geocaris, Alex (owned by) Geocaris, Olga (is related to) Geocaris, Alex (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	floral

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Handmade, beige lace coverlet sewn onto brick red cotton backing with beige and brick red rope trim. The coverlet also has two rows of cross stitch flowers, which have red and orange buds with green leaves, and alternate between facing inward and outward. There is also a lace flower design, where the flowers form diamond shapes which are connected to each other by a bigger diamond shape. There is another row of brown cross stitch along the white lacelike parts, which resembles arrows or leaves. It has three loops on either side of the long side of the coverlet.

#### ORIGIN

Was used in wedding traditions exhibit, 1996, was loan item 30.1996.1. Coverlets are used as bedsreads. There is a Greek wedding tradition that involves decorating the marital bed with flowers, money, rice, and placing a baby on the bed. This is done by the bride and her attendants. The money is for prosperity, the rice for roots, and the baby of the gender desired for their firstborn child.

#### CITATION

Bedsread, circa 1916, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 03/29/24.