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| OBJECT ID       | 2004.17.3                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| OBJECT NAME     | Blanket                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| MEASUREMENTS    | 129.8600400000 cm. W x 179.0700000000 cm. L Dimensions don't include crocheted ends. Since this is a textile, the dimensions may change depending on how it is displayed., Item (Overall) |
| MATERIAL        | Wool                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| OBJECT ENTITIES | Helen Mercury, Handmade (created by)<br>Mercury, Helen (is related to)                                                                                                                    |
| RELATED ITEMS   | Photograph, 2004.17.1<br>Rug, 2004.17.2<br>Blanket, 2004.17.4<br>Bag, Tagari, 2004.17.5                                                                                                   |
| ACCESS POINTS   | plaid                                                                                                                                                                                     |

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Blue, maroon, gold, and orange plaid blanket with a maroon and purple crochet border. The crochet border is unfinished, leaving an open edge at one end. The plaid has white lines running through the middle of all of the squares. The crocheted edges are purple on the inside and maroon on the outside and are slightly oval-shaped.

#### ORIGIN

This was a part of the dowry of Helen Mercury.

Helen was born in Apidia, Laconia, Greece in 1909. She married Christas Mercury in Niata, Laconia, Greece (a neighboring village). Much of the dowry wasn't used because the family fled from Greece to Canada because of the Greek Civil War. Christas left in 1947 and sent for Helen and his three daughters in 1948. Helen and her daughters Cathrine (5), Mary (4), and Patricia (2), fled from Athens to London to Iceland to Toronto. There she was met by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law and they all took the train to where Christas was, which became their new home.

#### CITATION

Blanket, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 11/13/25.