



OBJECT ID	2004.17.4
OBJECT NAME	Blanket
DATE CREATED	1940s
MATERIAL	Wool
OBJECT ENTITIES	HANDMADE, HELEN MIRRAS MERCURY (created by) Coulolias, Mary (is related to) Miras, Helen (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Photograph, 2004.17.1 Rug, 2004.17.2 Blanket, 2004.17.3 Bag, Tagari, 2004.17.5
ACCESS POINTS	blue handmade Multi Color orange Pink Purple red wool Woven Yellow

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Multicolored, rectangular blanket that would be used over a donkey saddle. woven with wool. The colors used alternate in color with maroon, purple, orange, yellow, pink, green, red, and blue. The colors run horizontally over the blanket with white, thin string running vertically between.

ORIGIN

Helen Miras was born in Apidia, Laconia, Greece in 1909. She married Christas Mercury in 1940 and lived in his home in Niata, which was a neighboring village of her home town. Her dowry included these pieces, which was all hand-woven by her. However, much of the dowry was lost as the family fled from to Greece to Manitoba, 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 Catherine (five), Mary (four), and Patricia (two) flew

from Athens to London to Iceland to Taranto. There she was met by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law and they all took the train to her new home in Manitoba, where she was reunited with her husband.

CITATION

Blanket, 1940s, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 10/14/26.
