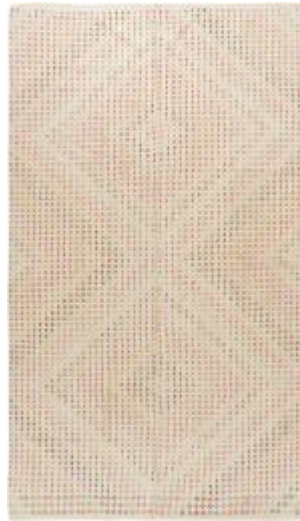


RUGS DESCRIPTION

Rug Number	U-3475
Title	Vintage Turkish Jajim Kilim Rug
Size	6ft 08in X 12ft 02in 2m 3cm X 3m 70cm



Description:

The Jajim (cecim) technique is followed in Turkey, Persia and the Caucasus and consists of a plain weave (equal warps and wefts) ground with an added (supplementary) weft pattern. The wefts are usually discontinuous, cut off on the verso (back). The pattern develops as the ground is woven on the loom and not added afterwards as on an embroidered rug. It is easier to make repeating geometric patterns of squares, lozenges, diamonds, stepped diagonal lines and areas of plain color. Sometimes Jajim are in two pieces, stitched together along one long side, depending on the width of the loom. The Jajim technique seems to go back well into the 19th century in Turkey, but, since the flatweaves are generally made for household use and tossed out when worn, few early antique examples have survived. Jajims are generally found in good condition since it is easier to weave one anew than to repair a damaged one.
