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Voided Silk Brocade Çatma Panel with Floral Motifs

17th century

Turkey (Bursa)

Ottoman

Silk velvet

Overall: 25 1/2 x 47 1/2 in. (64.8 x 120.7cm)

This silk textile, or çatma, was woven in the first half of the 1700s in Bursa in present-day Turkey during the rule of the Ottoman empire. Its bold pattern is composed of rows of eight-lobed medallions containing rosebuds and delicate hyacinth stems. Its border is lined with medallions decorated with rosebuds and carnations. The çatma was probably created as a maq'ad, or "sitting cloth," intended to cover the sedir, the main furnishing of an Ottoman household that was used as a seating area during the day and as a sleeping quarters at night.