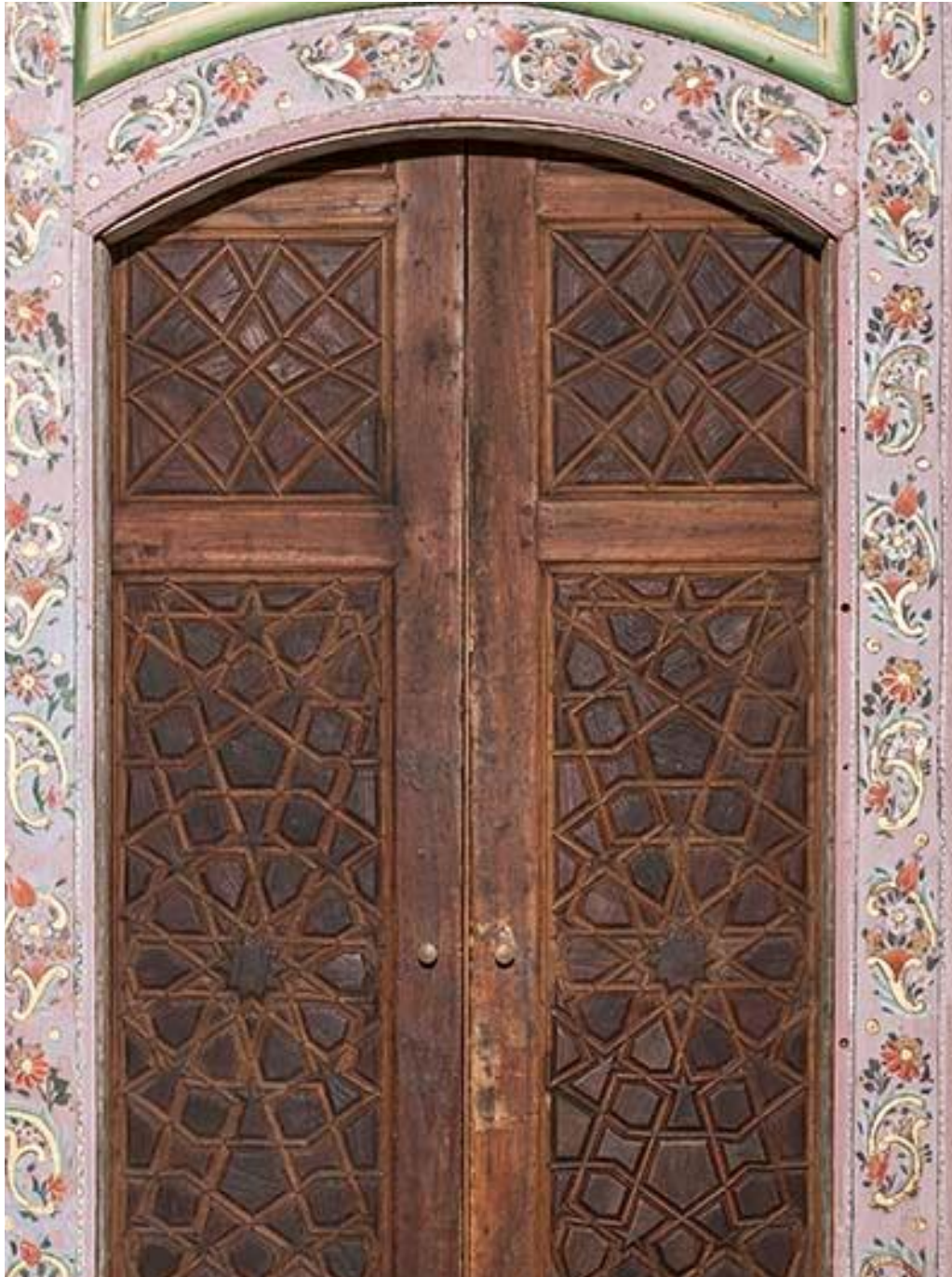


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Carved Wooden Doors with Tessellated Geometric Motifs

19th century

Syria (Damascus)

Ottoman

Wood, polychrome pigments

Other (a): 88 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 20 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (225.4 x 51.1cm) Other (b): 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 19 $\frac{5}{8}$ in. (224.8 x 49.8cm)

This pair of wooden doors is densely decorated with symmetrical geometric patterns, featuring 10-pointed stars and radiating polygons. Each shape is carved from a single piece of wood with beveled edges and a textured surface. The pieces are secured into a framework of lighter wood. On the back of the door, thicker pieces of wood overlap to provide

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further support. Once part of a home in Ottoman-era Damascus, these doors were the original entryway into the qa'a, or reception hall.