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Flemish Tapestry Fragment Bolster Cushion, Circa 1680

£220

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Height: 29 cm (11.4")

Width: 67 cm (26.4")

Description

A beautifully handmade bolster cushion created from a fragment of late 17th-century Flemish tapestry, dating to circa 1680, and backed in sumptuous midnight-blue velvet. Combining the extraordinary character of antique woven textiles with a practical contemporary form, it makes a richly decorative and highly individual addition to an interior.

The tapestry fragment retains the depth of colour, texture, and intricate woven detail for which Flemish workshops were celebrated. Its centuries-old surface carries the gentle variations, tonal softening, and occasional irregularities that give antique textile fragments their particular warmth and authenticity. Set against the deep blue velvet reverse, the historic tapestry panel is given a dramatic and elegant frame.

Flemish tapestries of the 17th century were among the most prized furnishing textiles in Europe, valued for their remarkable craftsmanship, narrative decoration, and ability to bring colour and grandeur to an interior. By preserving and repurposing an original fragment, this cushion offers a way to enjoy a rare antique textile in a more intimate and versatile setting.

Perfect for a sofa, chaise, armchair, bed, or window seat, it would sit beautifully within a traditional, eclectic, or layered interior. It also makes a thoughtful addition for collectors of antique textiles and those drawn to the patina, history, and decorative richness of 17th-century design.

Handmade using a Flemish tapestry fragment, circa 1680, with a midnight-blue velvet reverse. As with all antique textiles, variations, wear, fading, and minor imperfections should be appreciated as part of the piece's history and character. Please refer to photographs for condition and scale.

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