

Basic Detail Report



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Title

There she blows!! Welcome mat with whaling scene

Date

1880 - 1920

Medium

Textile: wool, cotton, linen

Dimensions

Overall: 447 × 620 mm

Name

Welcome mat

History

Generally considered a rural craft .They were widely made and used in the middle to late nineteenth century but enjoyed a resurgence of popularity in the 1920s and 1930s. Believed to be indigenous to North America, the earliest examples came from Maritime regions of Canada and Northern New England. The rug maker could recycle scraps of fabric into useful and decorative floor coverings. The pile surface was made by using a hook to pull a narrow strip of cloth through a coarsely woven foundation fabric in a series of loops. Designs for hooked rugs were geometric, or based on flowers and animals or copied from printed illustrations .