

A M I R M O H T A S H E M I



Banjaluca Felt Prayer Hanging

Western Ottoman Empire, 19th century

Wool felt with silver embroidery

170cm high, 110cm wide

Stock no.: A4978

Banjaluca was well-known for its embroidered and appliqué hangings, and the pieces made during the Ottoman period show both European and Ottoman decorative styles. Many of the textiles were placed on a wall and used during prayer as qibleh cloths. The design on this textile, a niche with a hanging lamp, would have emphasised the setting of the prayer. It has been suggested that the large felt wool textile panels were used in campaign tents as qibleh cloths.