

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Carpet with Flowers

Northern Indian

Date ca. 1650

Medium Silk (warp and weft) and pashmina (pile)

Dimensions 76 × 46 in. (193 × 116.8 cm)

Credit Line Henry Clay Frick Bequest

Accession Number 1916.10.08

Not On View

Commentary Due to their constant use in palaces and mosques for hundreds of years, only about five hundred Mughal carpets survive today, and these are often in poor condition. Designed and woven in the middle of the seventeenth century, toward the end of the reign of Shah Jahan, this rare fragment depicts seven varieties of plants arranged with no apparent symmetry but not overlapping, in a seemingly spontaneous composition. Although such floral designs are often found on Indian carpets, the monumental scale of each principal flower on this fragment is unique. No other fragments of this carpet are known to have survived. Source: Vignon, Charlotte. *The Frick Collection Decorative Arts Handbook*. New York: The Frick Collection/Scala, 2015.

Collection History Duveen. Frick, 1916. Source: *Enamels, Rugs and Silver in The Frick Collection*. Volume VIII. New York: The Frick Collection, 1977.