



# Textiles of North Africa

## The Crawford Collection

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- A captivating introduction to North African textiles
- Featuring lavish illustrations of previously unseen pieces
- Shines a light on an understudied area of cultural heritage
- Brings the Maghreb of old to life through black-and-white photographs
- Includes scholarship by leading intellectuals and historians
- Striking minimalist layout

This outstanding collection of North African textiles spans the Maghreb and the many peoples who have made it their home over the centuries. While craftspeople in urban centers excelled in the making of fine silk furnishings, rural communities produced garments for everyday and festive wear that were markers of identity and standing. **Textiles of North Africa: The Crawford Collection** features scholarship on the social and historical context that created such vibrant textile cultures, with lavish illustrations showcasing the enduring artistic appeal of these pieces.

In the hands of the world's leading textile publisher, Hali Publications, previously unknown works from the collection create a captivating introduction to North African textiles. Contributions from leading scholars bring the weavers, dyers and embroiderers out of anonymity, shining a light on this understudied area of cultural heritage. The layout by award-winning designer Misha Anikst embodies the qualities often ascribed to these textiles: abstract, striking and minimalist. Guaranteed to speak to anyone with an interest in art, crafts and the Maghreb.

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