

Hand-woven Bags and *Ketens*

Turkmen transcript:

- Şu sumkalar palas görünüşinde dokalan. Şuňa sumkalara gynaç nagyşlary ýerleşdirilen. İne bu sumkalar bolsa hem palas görünüşinde geçirilen hem de haly çetin görünüşinde sumka geçirilip dokalan sumkalar ine. İndi bolsa biziň häzir öz milli eşigimiz türkmen milli ketensi barada aýtsaň ine, ketenler ýüpekden dokalýan ketenler. Ketenler indi häzir her hili dürli reňklerde dokalýar...(inaudible)...

- Arassa ýüpekden mi?

- Hä?

- Arassa my?

- Arassa ýüpekden dokalan ketenler.

English translation:

- These bags are made in the style of a thin rug. On them...on these bags we have placed *gynach*¹ patterns. And these bags here are both the bags that were woven in the thin rug style and in the carpet style. Then, now when we talk about our national dresses, about our national Turkmen *ketens*² ... *ketens* are made of silk -- those are *ketens*. *Ketens* right now are woven in different colors... [inaudible]....

- From pure silk?

- Huh?

- Is it pure?

- The *ketens* are made of pure silk.

¹ A type of pattern used by the specific tribes in Turkmenistan.

² A dress made of very thick material, usually made of silk.

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