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Interesting Facts About Carpets

Where do they come from?

Etymology?

Do you know that...?

ORIGIN

It's believed that the knotted pile carpet likely originated in the 3rd or 2nd millennium BC in West Asia, perhaps the Caspian Sea area or The Armenian Highland.

The earliest found pile carpet is the "Pazyryk carpet", which dates from the 5th-4th century BC. It was excavated by archaeologists in 1949 from a Pazyryk burial mound in the Altai Mountains located in Siberia.

People who migrate from Turkestan to the west (the Caucasus, Persia, Anatolia), to the east (China and later to India) extended the art of carpet making to the natives of those areas. This complete range of locations is known as the Oriental Carpet Belt.

Etymology & Usage

#1 The term "carpet" comes from old French "carpete", "carpita", meaning to pluck.

#2 The translation of the word carpet from Persian (گرمی, garmī) means rough blanket.

The term "carpet" is often used as a synonym of the term "rug"

Another definition of "carpet" is a piece of woven fabric stretching from wall to wall.

A way to distinct between a carpet and a rug is that: former is permanently fixed in place while the latter is simply laid out on the floor

In 18th century in Europe, the term was also applied to table and wall coverings, as carpets were not used on the floor.

Carpet Types

- Woven
- Needle Felt
- Knotted
- Tufted
- Flatweave
- Hooked Rug

Interesting facts about carpets and cleaning

- #1** Most carpets are 4,000 times dirtier than a toilet seat. Also, they are about 7 times dirtier than the average city street
- #2** The steinach bug virus can live in a carpet for more than four weeks
- #3** Vacuuming for 30 minutes can burn about 125 calories
- #4** If you want to brighten your carpet, then sprinkle salt over it and let it sit for an hour. Just vacuum it up afterwards
- #5** When carpets are properly maintained and cleaned, they may actually be good for allergy sufferers
- #6** Each year, several pounds of soil can accumulate in and under your carpet
- #7** Bacteria could live more than four weeks on the carpet and thanks to the "bacterial adhesives" they are immediately transferred to the food
- #8** The first invented vacuums were so large that they took three people to operate them
- #9** A carpet should be professionally cleaned every 12 to 18 months

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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carpet>
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