

French Tapestries and Carpets: From Royal Palaces to Resplendent Residences

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Presenting a dazzling array of images, from monumental tributes to the Sun King to more intimate celebrations of rococo sensibilities, French tapestry epitomizes the prevailing taste and artistic culture of the 17th and 18th centuries. Explore the range and change of subjects, themes, and styles in furnishings made for the crown as well as tapestries and carpets woven for commerce. Investigate the intricate collaborative working process of tapestry and carpet production, from design through weaving process, at the Gobelins, Beauvais, Savonnerie, and Aubusson. Discover how the finished hangings, furnishings, and floor coverings were used historically and made their way into American collections and interiors.