

TRABZON TELKARIYE VE HASIRI

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Category: Protected Geographical Indication

Product Type: Handicraft

Geographical Area: Trabzon city - TURKEY

Specificity of the Product: Trabzon city has been the center of silver and gold filigree work since the year 1461.

Trabzon Telkariye Ve Hasiri is made using 22 – karat gold or 900 – karat silver, where both are transformed into thin wire having a diameter of 32 micron (0,032 mm). It is an extremely special art, since the craftsman work in micron sizes which pushes the limits of the naked human eye. The weaving art is past from mother to daughter, who are called as “weaving ladies”. The specific character of this special art comes from the local and traditional designs and from the difficult and staging production process where matchsticks are used to construct tiny circles. It also arouses astonishment that the mesh bracelet never leaks water from its surface, as the mesh is weaved in an extremely tight but also elastic structure.

The wire is made by first adding copper to fine gold. The fine gold is melted and reduced to 22 karat and formed into sticks. They are drawn to 110 micron and finally to 30 micron. This thin wire is given to the weaver ladies in 10 to 15 grams lots. The weaving art is past from mother to daughter. A woman has to be trained for more than a year by a good master to learn this art. If she is skilled she can be a good weaver in a few years. Weaving is entirely hand crafted and there is no machine involved at any stage.



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