



18TH CENTURY FRENCH AUBUSSON TAPESTRY CENTER TABLE RUNNER WITH FOLIAGE DECOR

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Dress a dining room table with this antique runner; handwoven in Aubusson France circa 1760, the tapestry features a center medallion depicting a wisdom man teaching a youngster, and is flanked with ruins, fruit and floral motifs on both sides. The centerpiece table runner is in very good condition commensurate with age and use with rich colors in the blue, beige and green palette. Blue border and original canvas backing.

Aubusson, a town on the river Creuse in central France, became a center of tapestry manufacture in the 17th and 18th century during the reigns of Louis XIV and Louis XV; Aubusson became the source for the aristocracy, hence the typically monumental sizes of Aubusson rugs and tapestries. Employing a method known as "warping" and executed on a low horizontal loom, the weavers of Aubusson were able to create an illusion of depth in their works. Aubusson textiles are also usually identified by their stylized framing motifs and neoclassical themes.

Measures: 62" W x 17.5" D.