



Erkal Aksoy | Antique textile lover

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Turkish. Lives and works in Istanbul. Founder of the shop A La Turca in Cukurcuma, Istanbul. **Favourite clients** From the artistic crowd to the Rockefellers and Ralph Lauren who come to my shop. People in love with kilim, carpets & potteries like me **Inspiration** Very traditional pieces of textile, copper or potteries forgotten over the years, which can be made useful again. **I like most in my work** Meeting creative people from all over the world **My favourite place for art** The antique shops and galleries of Cukurcuma, the Istanbul Modern Art Museum **Personal style** I cannot dress myself properly! **Recommendations** Have lunch at *Pandelli*, among 17th century tiles above the Spice market, and a Turkish coffee at *Lokal*. Eat at Restaurant *Changa* in the *Sabancı Museum*, second hand book stores on *Beyoglu Caddesi*. Check into the small and simple *Bebek Hotel* for its charm. *Apel Gallery* is run by a wonderful art lover named Nuran Terzioglu.