Handout: Parts of a Carpet **GUARD STRIPES** MEDALLION FIELD

FIELD, PATTERN, BORDER

Carpets are all about field, pattern and borders. "Field" is the dominant background color. "Pattern" is the repetitive, ordered arrangement of decorative images or symbols on the field. "Borders" are the decorative strips encasing both field and pattern.

A "spandrel" is the space between the exterior curve of an arch and the rectangular frame surrounding it.

MAIN BORDER
SPANDREL