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PAINTED/DECORATED BOXES

Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History – The Met

https://www.metmuseum.org/toah/works-of-art/1976.327/

Painted box for game pieces – ca 1300 – Upper Rhine region of Germany

Medium – wood, polychromy and metal mounts

Dimensions – 7.9 x 26.4 x 9.2 cm

The animals that enliven the decoration of this box includes a unicorn, an elephant, a lion and a dog. The roundels in which they are placed echo the form of medieval game pieces, which likely were once held inside and were most likely disc shaped pieces for tric trac, a game similar to backgammon. Along the top, the repeating motif of dogs' heads can be read in either yellow or green.

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Minnekästchen or document casket – southwestern Germany – it looks like pyrography

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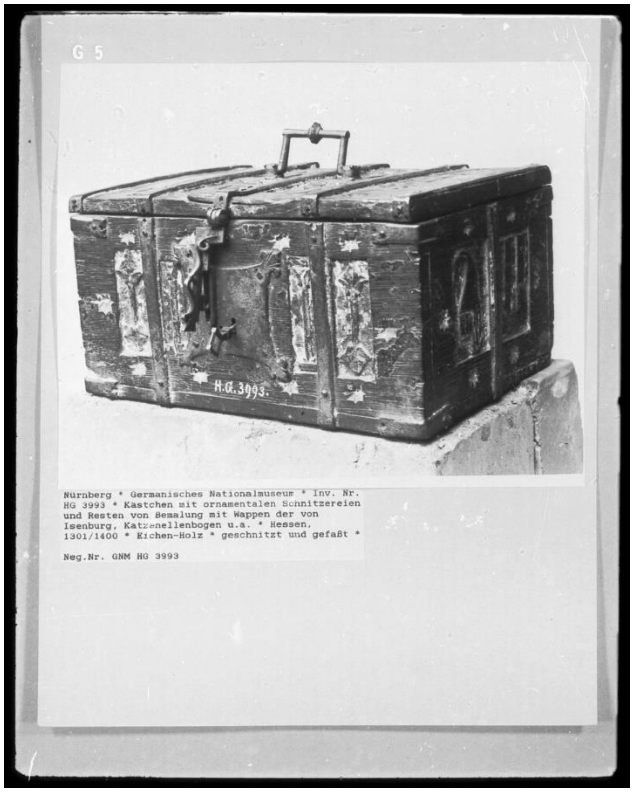

Hessen 14th century – casket with ornamental carvings and remnants of painted heraldry

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Painted and gilt coffer – 14th century

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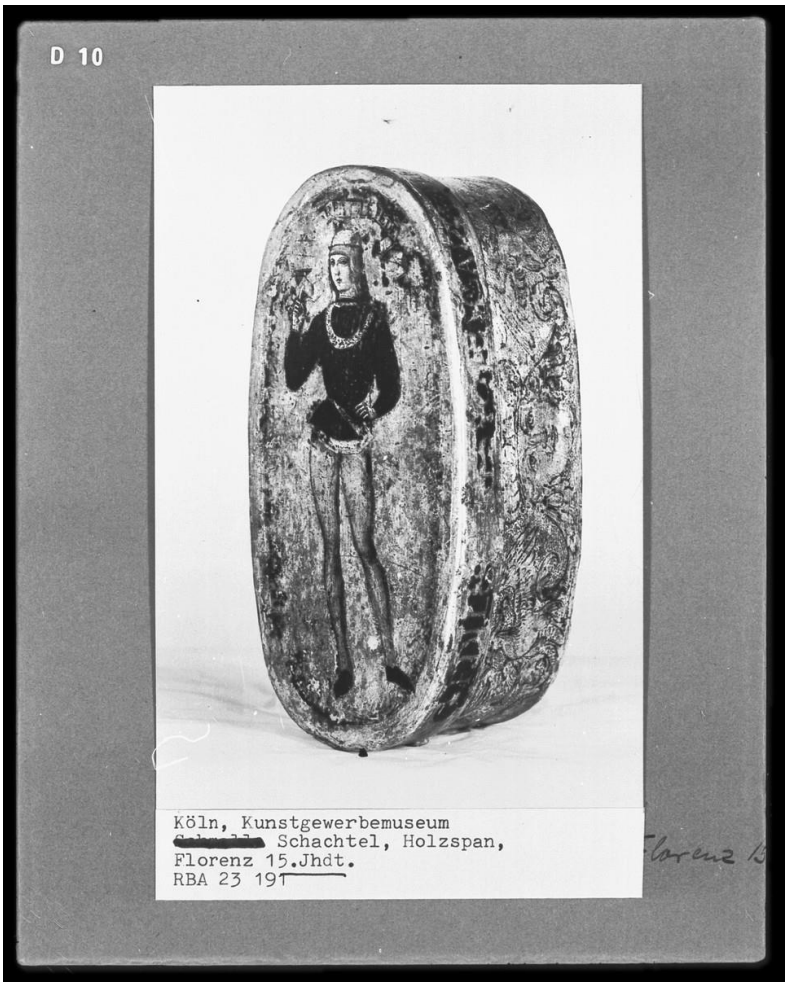

Box with a figure of a young man – Florence 15th century
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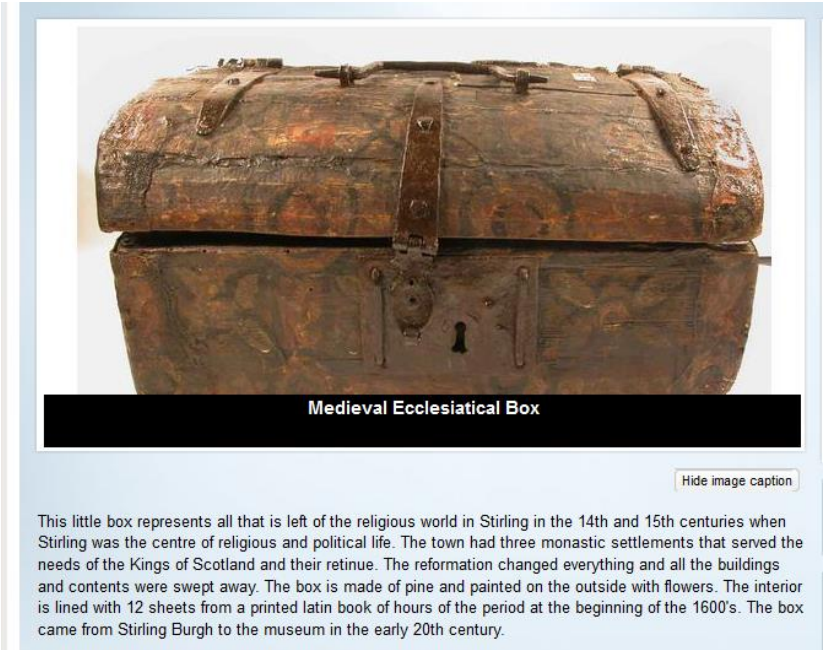

http://www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld/objects/fcwlbFXfQwSOSGF5T9V1aQ

FURTHER INFORMATION:

https://www.scaramangashop.co.uk/Fashion-and-Furniture-Blog/history-wooden-chests-storage-boxes/

INSTRUCTIONS

- Personal preference – sand box and undercoat with gesso or other type of preparation product.
- Draw design onto box – can be traced and applied using carbon paper or any other method you feel comfortable with.
- Paint the box – I find using a smaller brush and dabbing the paint on is better as sometimes the item requires additional coats if it is brushed on in strokes.
- You can finish the inside of the box by gluing felt to the inside. Using a spray adhesive is better as it does not cause clumps of glue under the felt or seepage through the felt.
- Finish off with a coat of varnish to protect the paint surface. I use a spray varnish as accidents can happen with the brush on varnish and smears the paint (talking from experience).