Decorative Arts

This handout highlights ARTstor content related to western and non-western decorative arts, including a varied selection of images of furniture, tableware, tools, textiles, ceramics, silver, and jewelry from a range of periods.

SEARCH TIPS

Browse by the Classification for Decorative Arts, Utilitarian Objects and Interior Design and then narrow by country name

Browse museums with encyclopedic collections (e.g. The Metropolitan Museum of Art or The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston) and select the Classification for Decorative Arts

Use the asterisk (*) when keyword searching to truncate your terms and retrieve variant endings (e.g. wood* will retrieve wood, wooden, woodwork, etc.)

SEARCH TERMS

arts and crafts champlevé Bauhaus
Werkstatte art deco wallpaper Tiffany and Company
reliquary applied arts murano
art nouveau granulation William Morris
embroidery assemblage Weiner Werkstatte
woodwork cloisonné Chippendale

did you know?

The Museum of Modern Art has shared approximately 4,000 important examples of design objects and graphic design from the mid-19th through 20th centuries. International in scope, the MoMA Architecture and Design collection surveys major figures and movements and comprises thousands of individual items, including appliances, furniture, tableware, tools, textiles, posters, typography, etc. Although the collection’s existence and stature are well known, only five percent of the works in the collection have been published, and the majority of the objects are not on permanent exhibition. These works — many of which are three-dimensional and often quite large and/or fragile — are stored for curatorial and preservation reasons under conditions that render access extremely difficult for scholars and students. These objects have now been documented at high resolution using direct digital photography, allowing for the close study of objects that are not frequently on view in the museum’s galleries in ARTstor.

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