# **ANCIENT EGYPT**

**HISTORY OF FURNITURE** 

- The first ancient civilization was formed by ancient Egyptians.
- There designs and art drawings are mainly inspired from nature.
- The furniture items found in ancient time were stools, beds, lamp stands, shrines and chests.
- Most of the furniture prepared during that period was made of decomposable material, like wood or reeds. These materials are durable because of extremely dry climate.
- The furniture was often veneered and painted with vibrant colours depecting aspects of the life of the owner.

### **Materials**

- WOOD (fig tree)
- SYCAMORE ( name of plant )
- MUD (from nile) mainly used for making pots and jars
- STONE
- COLOURED FABRICS
- FAIENCE mainly used to create glass storage jars
- Gold , silver , bronze and semi precious stones are used to decorate the fine furniture of pharaoh .



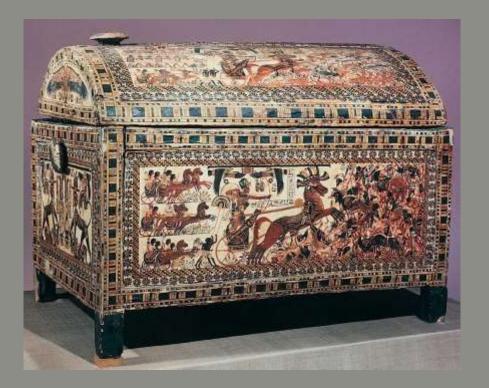
### **CHAIRS**

- It depicts the wealth and royality.
- The chairs consisted of low , wooden frames usually without arms .
- The seats were made of platted cord.
- The legs and the feet of vhair were carved to resemble the things such as the paw of a lion .



#### BEDS

- The framework for the bed were made of woods.
- Most beds were designed to slope towards the feet and foot boards were added to the Egyptian style .
- Wooden or stone headrest were mostly prepared.
- Pillows were not used in Egypt and the mattresses were usually made of wooden slates, plaited string . sheets were made of linen.



#### **CHESTS**

- Chests , boxes and cabinets plays an important part of Egyptians bedroom furnishings.
- Poor people used chests for storing household items and linen.
- Rich people sometimes store treasures in chests which were locked in bolts and lashed with ropes
- Small compartmentalized for storing cosmetics and miniature chests with sliding lids were made to hold jewellery.



### **STOOLS**

- The stools are produced in variety of different styles used by all classes.
- The design ranges from simple to beautiful and the seats were commonly made of wooden rush.
- The folding stools were invented by the Egyptians.
- There are different types of stools ranges from plain designs , flare legs and the feet of some stools were decorated with carvings of the feet of animals .