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 depicting 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.
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CHAIRS

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