Object: Star-shaped insert on linen

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Collection: Project for the reappraisal of the collections from colonial contexts

Inventory 1929.6583
number:

## **Description**

Insert in the shape of a regular eight-sided star that is built by two penetrating squares. The foundation is a smooth fabric on which in parts the linen wefts are missing. In place of the exposed wefts, woolen wefts are woven in. Into the blackish-blue wool within the circle an outline is worked that shows entwined bands. The circle in the middle is encompassed by naturalistic three-lobed grape leaves that fill the eight gussets.

The Coptic textiles that are obtained in the Museum Ulm were acquired by the former Gewerbemuseum Ulm (Museum of Applied Arts) from the collection of Franz Bock (1823 - 1899) in the end of the 1880s. Dr. Franz Johann Joseph Bock was a cleric and art historian and travelled in 1885 and 1886 to Upper Egypt where he carried out excavations. In this manner, he set up a collection of Coptic textile fragments that come from graves. Particularly these are parts of blankets or tunics. The collected objects Franz Bock has sold gradually to different museums. Since Bock has cut his finds, normally only fragments from larger fabrics came into the different collections. Thereby it is likely that snippets from one and the same textile can be found dispersed on several collections.

## Basic data

Material/Technique: Linen, wool; tapestry weaving, embroidery

Measurements: H 29 cm, W 29 cm

## **Events**

Created When 6. century CE

Who

Where Egypt

Owned When 1885-1887

Who Franz Johann Joseph Bock (1823-1899)

Where

[Relationship When

to location]

Who

When

Where Upper Egypt

[Relationship

to location]

Who

When

Where Africa

[Relation to

person or institution]

Who Gewerbemuseum Ulm

Where

## Keywords

- Excavation
- Grave good
- Koloniale Kontexte
- Kolonialzeit
- Koptische Textilien
- Textile