

Class Description

- ♦ Early period cultures may not be book-literate or may have few surviving examples of calligraphy and illumination
- ♦ However, these cultures practice other arts that can be adapted for use in SCA award scrolls
- This survey of Anglo-Saxon, Irish, Norse, Migration and Roman treasures in jewellery, metalwork, and carving will help you learn how to incorporate their designs in a variety of scroll formats that honour the recipient's persona AND are fun and satisfying to make
- This same technique can be used for other cultures
 - Always employ research and respect to avoid culturally restricted or protected imagery, colours, titles, etc.

Constraints

- Early cultures may not have many extant illumination exemplars
 - Organic matter is perishable in the presence of water, insects, mould, and even chemical interactions with paints/pigments
 - ♦ Parchment, commonly used in European book-making, is essentially tanned fine leather. Far stronger than later paper products but not immune to decay.
 - Papyrus, birch bark, palm leaves also used in manuscriptmaking
 - Limited examples tend to lead to survivorship bias:
 Lindisfarne, Kells, Durrow
- Early period cultures may not possess book literacy
 - ♦ However, ALL HUMAN CULTURES PRACTICE ART



Fig. 116. The Book of Durrow (Dublin, Trinity College Library, MS 57), f. 1v, carpet page. The red (toasted lead), green (verdigris) and yellow (orpiment) have reacted chemically to one another, causing corrosion. Handling pigments successfully required a degree of chemical skill. (Photo: courtesy of the Board of Trinity College Dublin)

PARNE GOSPELS

Solution: Artefact-Based Illumination

- Process of adapting designs and motifs from surviving artefacts from a given culture/period into illumination
 - ♦ Jewellery
 - ♦ Arms and Armour
 - ♦ Sculpture
 - ♦ Woodworking
 - ♦ Pottery
 - ♦ Textiles



Resources

- Metals: Brass/bronze pieces, gold, silver
- ♦ Inlays e.g. niello (silver oxide), gold wire, etc. can be preserved even when the iron or other perishable substrate has oxidized/rotted away
- ♦ Enamel work, cloisonne work
- ♦ Carvings: stone (menhir, runestone, dolmen), wood, ivory, gems (e.g. Classical Period)
- ♦ Leather: Bogs, acidic inhumations can preserve some items, e.g. decorated leather scabbards

Anglo-Saxon & Irish Art

- ♦ Stylistic connections between insular illuminations and Anglo-Saxon and Celtic metalwork and sculpture are well established in all the major works
 - ♦ Triskeles
 - ♦ Knotwork
- One source even goes so far as to suggest that Anglo-Saxon goldsmiths were recruited by the Christian church to design manuscript illumination

Anglo-Saxon Treasures

- Sutton Hoo (early 7th century, Suffolk)
- Staffordshire Hoard (7th or 8th century, Mercia)
- Rupertus Cross / house reliquaries

Ideas to adapt:

- Brooches and other Mercian jewellery, shoulder clasps, purse mounts
- Military hardware: Arms and armour, sword hilts,



Sutton Hoo Adaptation

- ♦ Jewelled shoulder clasp
- Gold and garnet cloisonné
- ♦ Blue/black/white millefiori glass enamel

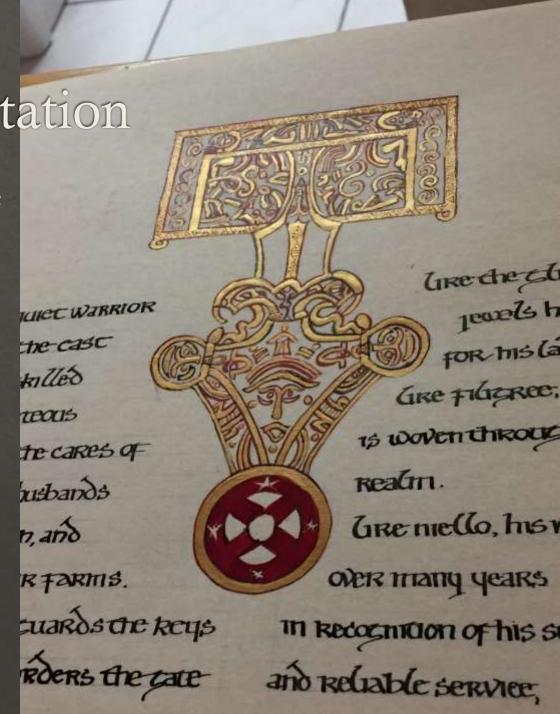




Isle of Wight Brooch Adaptation

- ♦ The Chessell Down brooch, found in Grave 22, Isle of Wight. Early 6th CE.
- ♦ Photo from "Masterpieces: Early medieval art" by Sonja Marzinzik, The British Museum.





Staffordshire Hoard

- ♦ This dazzling, extraordinarily rich find in 2009 greatly expands understanding of Anglo-Saxon wealth and artistry
- Comparable to the Sutton Hoo
- ♦ Trove of objects dating to the 6th and 7th centuries CE
- ♦ Images:
- https://staffordshirehoard.rooftop.io/sites/407/20 18/11/07155021/The-folded-cross.jpg
- https://staffordshirehoard.rooftop.io/dzi/preview/ K1497 4000px 300dpi.jpg







Anglo-Saxon Adaptation

- Wain for Sir Ælfwynne et Langanwuda
- ♦ Zoomorph from the Hoard's folded cross. Not traced.
- Similar to the zoomorph from the Book of Durrow carpet page
- Sutton Hoo
- "Instant Martian" Bird of Prey adapted from the Sutton Hoo Great Shield
- Chequey glass stud a fusion: Staffordshire Hoard, Ardagh Chalice, Sutton Choo shoulder clasp
- Interlace adapted from the Apostle Mark incipit page, Lindisfarne Gospels



Staffordshire Hoard: Cheek Piece

Sospels. By Flickr user "Portable Antiquities Scheme"; - Flickr, CC BY 2.0, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=55432526

Axe Scroll

- ♦ Each head features four cartouches of varying Anglo-Saxon knotwork designs loosely based on the cheekpiece from the Staffordshire Hoard.
- Jewelled handles based on gold and enamel cloisonne work from the back cover of the Lindau Gospels

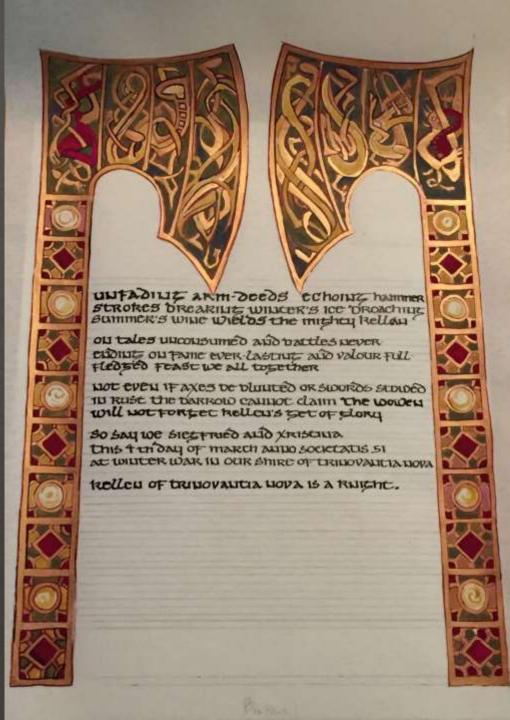
♦ Image:

https://www.themorgan.org/sites/default/files/images/collection/download

/m1-back-cover.jpg







Alfred and Mercian Treasures

- ♦ Alfred Jewel:
 - Aestel, or fancy knob on a manuscript pointer
 - ♦ This piece and the Luna brooch are examples of Carolingian-inspired enamel work
- ♦ Silver Brooches: Strickland, Fuller Brooch, etc.
- ♦ Abingdon Sword, c. 875 CE has silver mounts in Trewhiddle style
- See also the Galloway Hoard, Viking-era Scottish objects with close kingship to Anglo-Saxon silver brooches

Strickland Brooch:

Sy Jononmac46 - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=31905151

Alfred Jewel:

By Mkooiman - My own work. Previously published:
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Alfred Jewel Adaptation

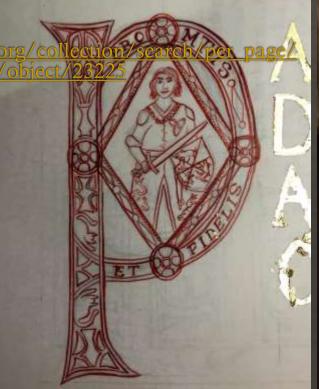
- ♦ Great examples of Mercian illumination a bit thin on the ground
- ♦ "PROMTUS ET FIDELIS" one of the recipient's mottoes

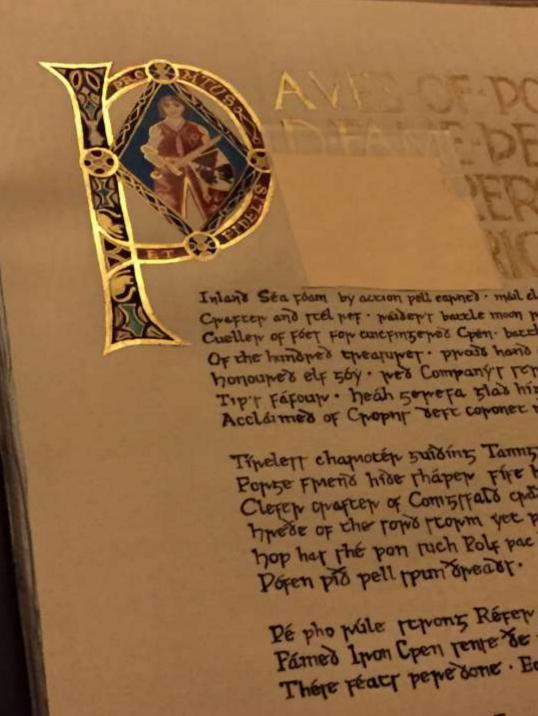
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♦ Image:

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Anglo-Saxon Cues

♦ Pelican scroll for Sir Ælfwynne et Langanwuda Sept. 2017

♦ Key features:

- Arcade in gold and garnet cloisonne resembling an open-work diadem
- Pelican chicks and cloisonne fills painted to resemble enamelwork
- Stylistic cues from the Insular style, jewelled back cover of the Lindau Gospels, 8th century, Continental Europe



Irish Treasures

- ♦ Tara Brooch
- Lismore Crozier
- Ardagh Chalice
- Derrynaflan Paten



Tara Brooch Adaptation

- ♦ Motif based on the pin on the Tara Brooch, early 8th CE
- Chequey glass studs
 - Corner triskele shapes converted to trilliums
 - ♦ Human head turned to a wolf
 - Round gap for the kingdom seal

♦ O. B. Duane. Celtic Art. London: Flame Tree Publishing, 1996. Page 56.



Lismore Crozier Adaptation

♦ Scarlet Banner, Wulfric of the Woods, Pennsic 2009

Gripping wolves and millefiori beads adapted from

the Lismore Crozier, c.1100

♦ Irish insular metalwork

♦ Image:

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Crozier, c. 1100.jpg



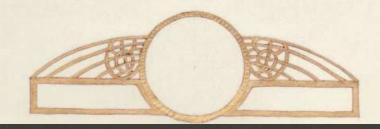


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Ardagh Chalice

- ♦ Part of the Ardagh Hoard, discovered 1868.
- Images:
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ardagh Hoard#/media/File:Calice d'argento, da reerasta, ardagh, contea di limerick, viii secolo 04.jpg
- Side view of the Ardagh Chalice, early 8th century.

 O. B. Duane. Celtic Art. London: Flame Tree Publishing, 1996. Page 60



Bodhran Scroll

- ♦ Circular layout based on the Derrynaflan Paten, found with the 8th or 9th century Derrynaflan Chalice.
- ♦ Jewelled studs inspired by the nearly contemporaneous Ardagh Chalice

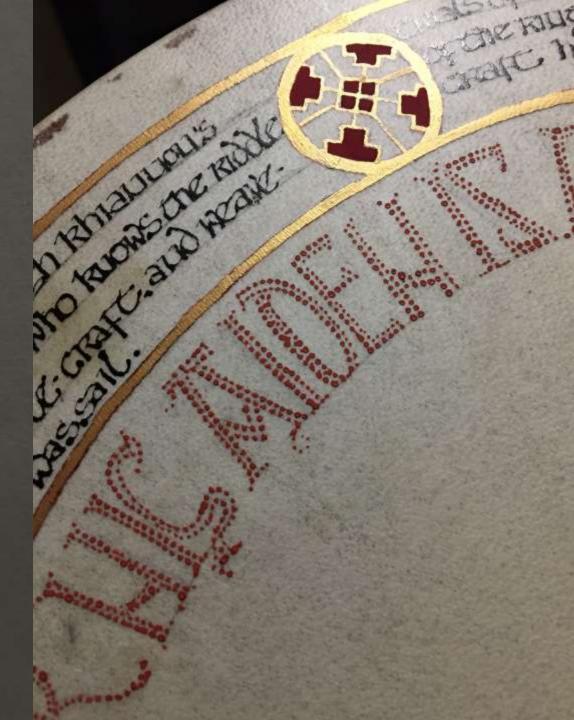




Ardagh Chalice Capitals

- ♦ The capitals on the Ardagh Chalice, chased into the silver with hundreds of small dots
- ♦ Scroll capitals performed in reverse



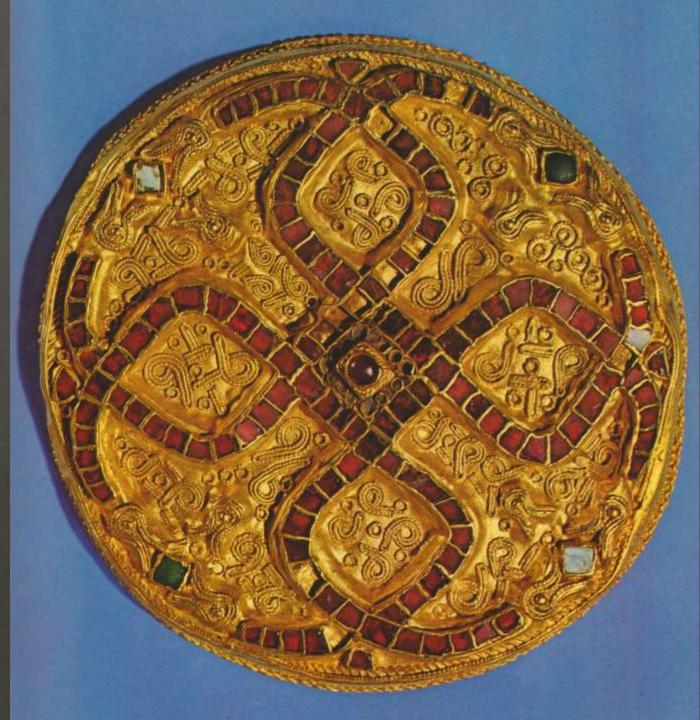


Migration Treasures

- Visigothic/Ostrogothic
- ♦ Petrossa Treasure (4th CE)
 - ♦ Rich source of garnet and gold jewellery
 - ♦ Ties to Anglo-Saxon work
- Spangenhelms (e.g. Vendel) and sword hilts

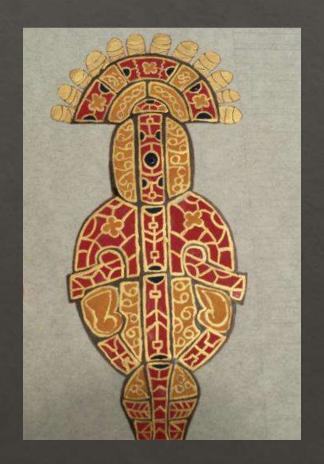
Image: Migration Brooch, mid-7th CE

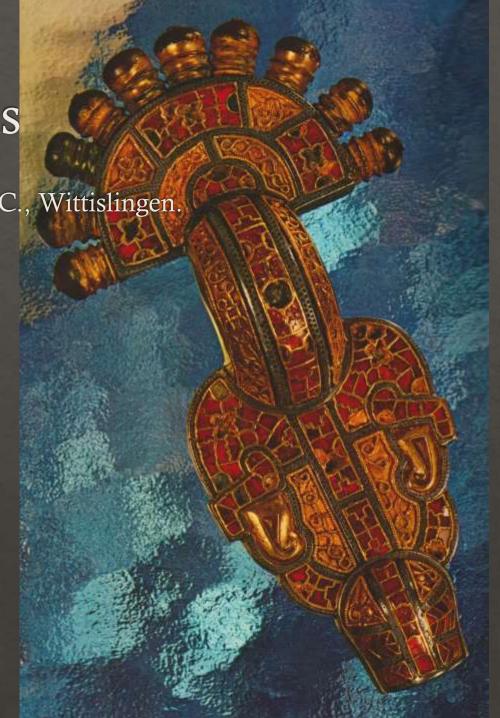
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 Jewellery Through The Ages. New York:
 American Heritage, 1969. Page 141.



Bow Brooch Adaptations

♦ Motif based on Ostrogothic bow brooch, 6th C., Wittislingen.





The Norse Problem

- ♦ Ideally, an award scroll should suit the recipient's persona
- However, "Norse calligraphy and illumination" per se is limited
 - ♦ Rune stones such as the Jelling stone
 - ♦ Surviving runic manuscripts are rare or appear much later
- Artefact-based illumination offers satisfying solutions for honouring cultures without an illumination heritage

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jelling stones

Norse Treasures

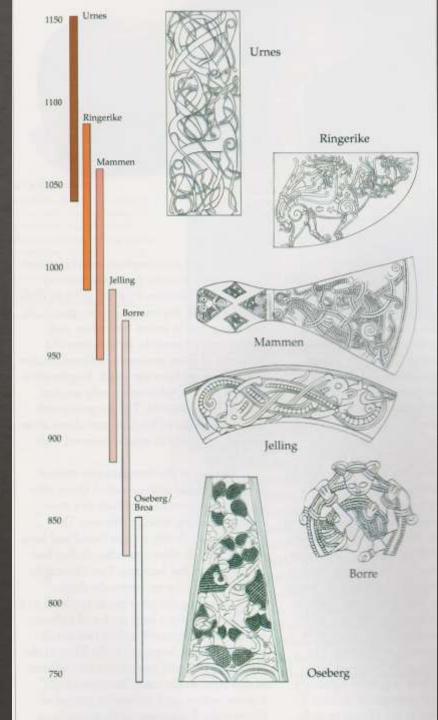
- Oseberg ship mound
- ♦ Mammen axe
- ♦ Urnes stave church
- ♦ Tortoise and box brooches, bracelets, hacksilver
- Carved stones
- ♦ Ship vanes
- ♦ Horse bows
- Sword pommels (niello work)
- ♦ Tablet-woven trim



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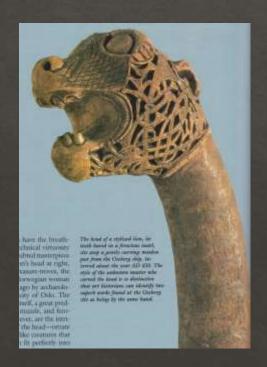
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William W. Fitzhugh and Elisabeth I. Ward, ed. Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga. Washington: Smithsonian Institution Press, 2000. Page 66.



Norse Treasures

- ♦ Cammin Casket, detail of back panel.
- ♦ Mammen Style, Danish school, c. 1000 CE.
- ♦ Oseberg Ship Burial, c. 800 CE and associated artefacts

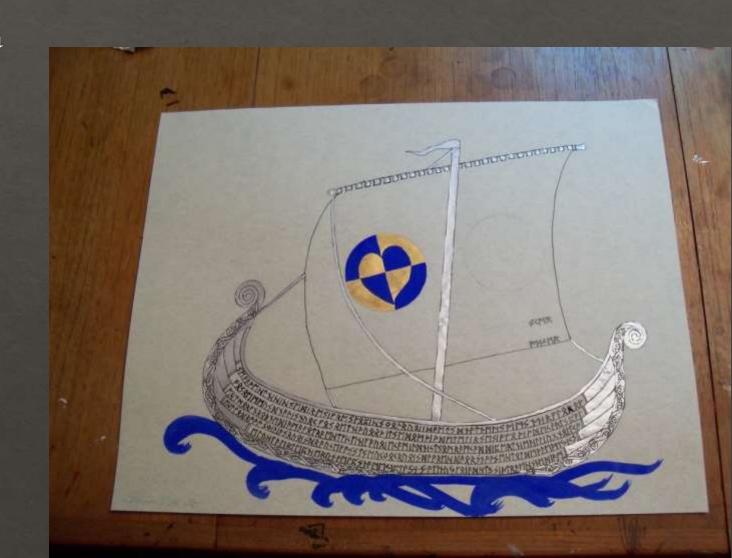






Oseberg Adaptations

- ♦ Oseberg 9th century CE ship burial a particularly rich source of wooden artefacts
 - ♦ Oseberg ship carved ornamentation
 - ♦ Wooden bed posts, carts/sleds
 - ♦ Bucket with enamel decoration
 - Fabric remnants/tablet-woven design
- ♦ Ship Scroll:
- ♦ Prow knotwork based on an 11th C. brass shipvane, Urnes style
- ♦ Runes in Elder Futhark



Oseberg Adaptations (cont'd)

- Beast detail based on bedpost carving in the Oseberg ship burial, early 9th century CE
- ♦ Alternating gold and cross-hatch fills on face plate
- Square-and-dot fill on major interlace
- Award badge at base of post





Hornelunde Hoard, 10th century

- ♦ Danish arm-ring from the Hornelunde Hoard (near Varde), hung on the blade of a sword.
- Gold gouache
- Voids left empty instead of black, for lightness





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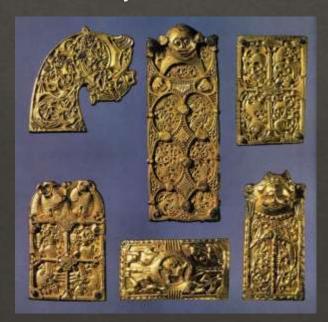
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Broa Bridle Mount Adaptation

- ♦ Figures and cell-shapes from gilt-bronze bridle mounts, Broa, early 9th century CE
- Lindisfarne-inspired incipit capitals
- ♦ Sutton Hoo cloisonné and ivory purse-lid, early 7th century CE







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Norwegian Sword

- ♦ Hilt and pommel design based on 10th century sword found at Sandbu farm, Vaage, Oppland, Norway.
- Photo source:
- https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DW6wrZ1X4A AYvhF?format=jpg&name=900x900



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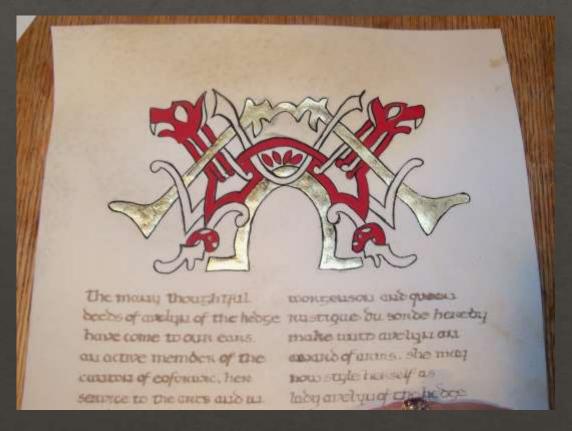
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Jellinge Horse Bow Adaptation

- ♦ Golden harness bow with Jellinge-style decoration. Mammen, Jutland, Denmark.
- ♦ Gold leaf, red gouache and oakgall ink on goatskin parchment





Bird Plaque Adaptation

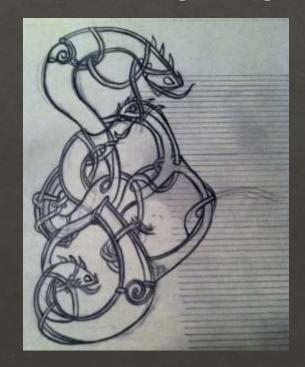
♦ Bird motifs based on Viking era gold metal plaque.





Cammin Casket Adaptation

- ♦ Sketch of S-shape with dragons
- ♦ Stippled the gold with tiny yellow ochre dots, and the green with larger silver dots.
- ♦ Coated the red with gold to give it a fiery aspect





Finnish Sword Hilt Adaptation

- ♦ Scarlet Banner, Lord Maunus Sataielkanpoika, 2010
- Gorget and top margin decorated with vine motif
- Vinery based on 10th C. Finnish sword hilt (Suontaka, Hame, Finland)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suontaka_sword



Mammen Axe Adaptation

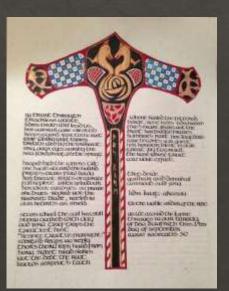
- ♦ Design based on the Mammen axehead inlaid with niello work.
- https://www.aesdes.org/2021/02/02/vik ing-aesthetics/

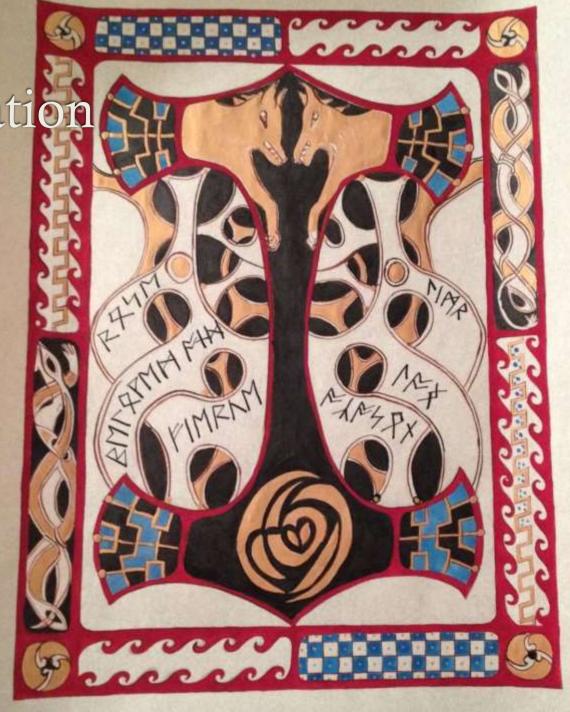




Norse/Lindisfarne Adaptation

- ♦ Rose Scroll for Countess Lidr Lang-Akason
 - ♦ Thor's Hammer/double-headed bearded axe
 - Axe heads terminate in studded design based on Oseberg cart carvings
 - ♦ Wave fills to resemble oar rails
 - ♦ Heraldry nods: Golden wolves, stylized Rose
 - Drottkvaett poetry





Vendel Helms

Vendel ship burials have yielded artefacts with direct links to Sutton Hoo work

Examples of Vendel helms:

http://early-med.archeurope.com/iron-agescandinavia/the-late-iron-age-inscandinavia/helmets-from-the-vendel-period/





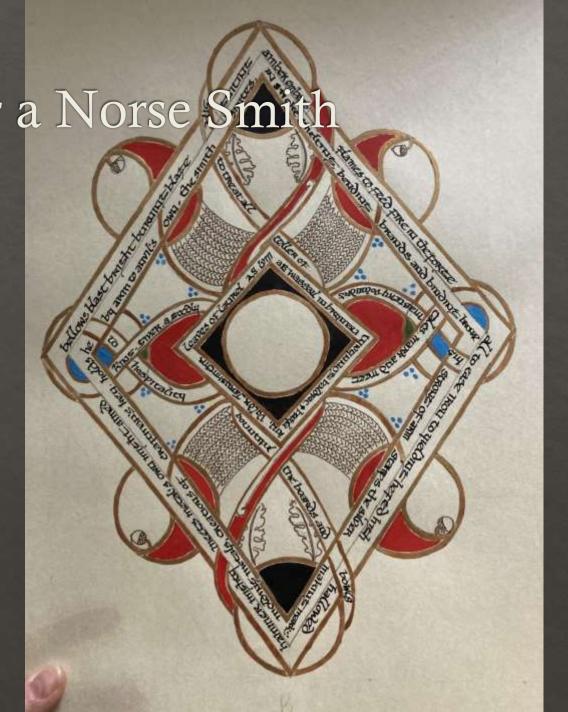
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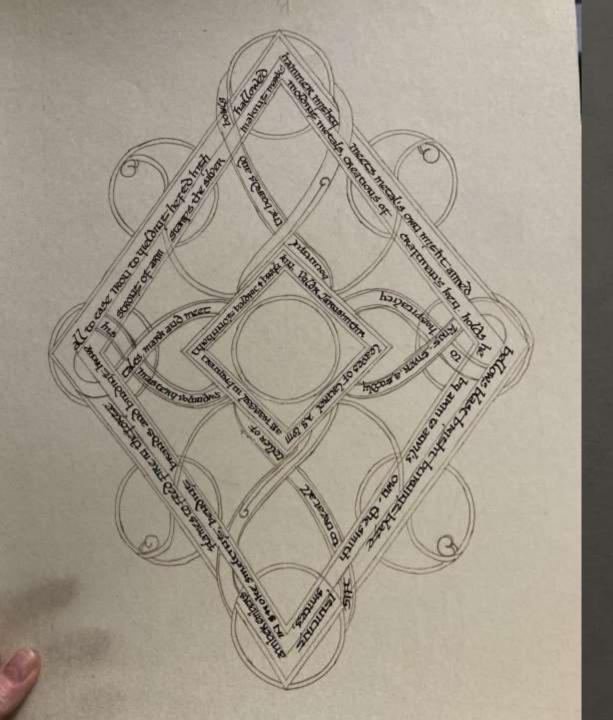
- Ducal scroll for Sir Quilliam
- Lindisfarne-style carpet page of Vendel helm
- Bird zoomorphs adapted from the Lindisfarne Gospels
- Celtic triskele and corner element from the Ardagh Chalice
- Forehead inlay adapted from the Mammen axe



Forge-Jewel for a Norse Smith

- ♦ Compass-tool shapes
- Herringbone-weave filigree
- ♦ Knotwork to hold the calligraphy





Plan for scroll:

- Large open diamond, central square with seal in the centre, nine circular stations
- Wording in half-uncial, on lines on looping knotwork

Roman/Coptic Treasures

- ♦ Jewellery, cameos, cabochons, etc.
- Helmet finds, sometimes with engravings
- Coptic textiles in silk, wool, linen
 - Dry burial conditions excellent for preserving fibres, patterns and dyes
- Roman stone monuments rich source of capitals and wording

Silk textile:

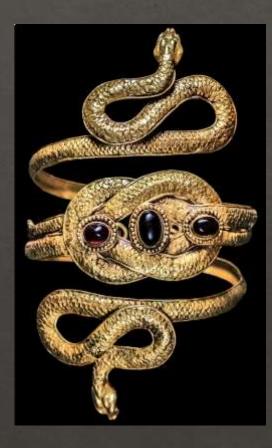
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Roman/Coptic Adaptation

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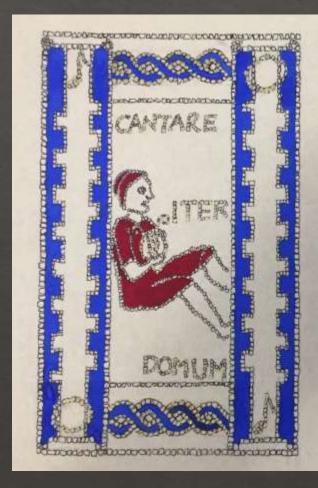
- ♦ Early 8th century CE Coptic Egyptian woven silk textile from a tunic sleeve
- ♦ Rondel of a Roman horseman based on a Sassanian/Egyptian style popular beginning in Late Antiquity. Rondel designs popular in Sassanian/Coptic era textiles
- ♦ Gold and garnet snakeskin Heracles knot based on a Hellenistic bracelet, 4th century BCE-1st century CE
- Roman capitals





Romano-British Mosaic Adaptation

- Orpheus and the Lyre floor mosaic
 - ♦ Common Roman mosaic motif
 - Orpheus typically wears a Phrygian cap
- Mosaics are formed from tesserae, small, roughly cubed stones, can include precious stones/metals
- ♦ Interlocking key, wave and step patterns
- Mosaic adaptations are also an option for Byzantine and Classical Era personas



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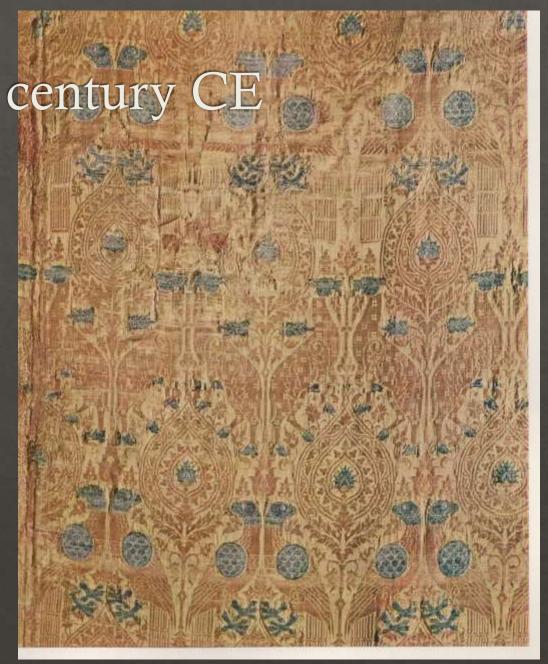
Consider alternate sources for designs to enclose historiated capitals or diaper backgrounds:

- ♦ Sculpture
- ♦ Ironwork
- ♦ Brocaded textiles
- ♦ Enamelwork
- ♦ Tiles

Silver brocaded silk, 14th century CE

- ♦ Lucca, first half of 14th century CE
- Confronted peacocks and gazelles, partially brocaded in silver, alternating with palmettes

Source: Antonino Santangelo. A
 Treasury of Great Italian Textiles.
 New York: Harry N. Abrams, Inc.
 Publishers. Colorplate 10.



Bascinet and brocade scroll

♦ 14th century CE Hounskull pig-faced bascinet on a background adapted from a 14th century CE silk brocade

The lion, ermines and green/black/white coloring reflect the recipient's heraldry

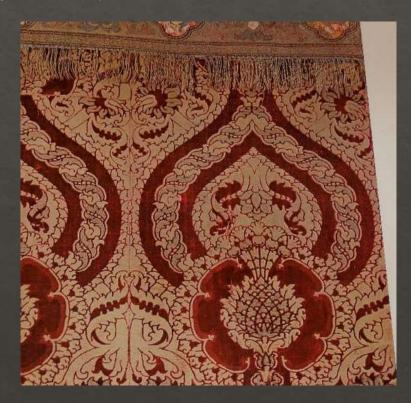
♦ Bird and palmette/lotus shapes adapted from a 14th century silk brocade





Italian Velvet Adaptation

- ♦ Pomegranate motifs very popular in 14th-16th Italian brocaded silk and velvet textiles
- Early 16th century CE Florentine motif based on an extant piece of red and gold silk brocade (altar frontal). Museo Civico.
- ♦ Image: A Treasury of Great Italian Textiles, Antonino Santangelo, 1964.





Italian Architecture

Palazzo design based on Ca' Loredan Vendramin Calergi, completed 1509

Dress and main door brocade pattern based on two extant pieces featured in Renaissance Velvets by Lisa Monnas.

Page 98: Crimson velvet cloth of tissue. Florence, late 15th to early 16th century, V&A: 81a-b- 1892.

Page 120: Dalmatic, made of crimson pile-on-pile velvet, voided and brocaded with gold with details in gold boucle, and with embroidered apparels. Italy (possibly Florence), or Spain, mid-16th century. V&A: T-372-1976

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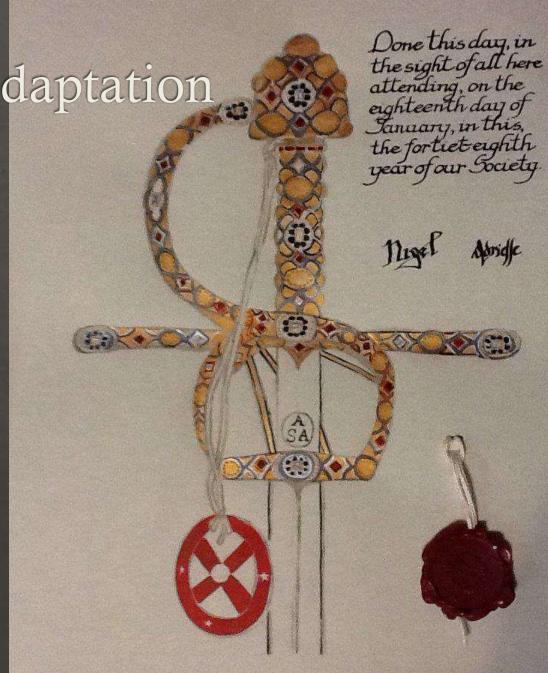




Milanese Jewelled Sword Adaptation

♦ Jewelled Milanese rapier, 16th century CE





Spanish Rapier Adaptation

- Spanish sword with silver designs resembling chainmail. Rendered in gold mica on scroll.
- Complementary dagger
- Award device (Master of Defence) "suspended" from hilt
- Recipient devices on the ricasso

- Source: Metropolitan Museum
- Rapier by Bladesmith Thomas de Aiala Spanish, c. 1600
- https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/sear ch/21936?

