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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Russian Easter Egg Patterns
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0778
Date:	1888-1896
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Creator:	Cultural History, Division of (NMAH, SI).
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Ownership and Custodial History

This collection has been in the Smithsonian since the late 19th Century, when a small museum in Russia traded it to the Smithsonian for some musical instrument-related objects (it is unclear what objects). Transferred to the Archives Center from the Department of Cultural History, 2001.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Egg painting was a popular craft for immigrants from Russia and Ukraine, and is still popular among people of Russian descent.

Scope and Contents

Collection consists of 172 Russian egg patterns, a popular craft among immigrants from Russia and the Ukraine. The egg patterns are drawn in ink on 3 2" x 5" paper with color combinations of red, green, yellow, black, purple, brown, blue, and burnt orange. The collection is arranged into one series by pattern numbers from 1 to 172.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Easter eggs -- Russia
- Egg decoration
- Immigrants

Types of Materials:

- Paintings
- Watercolors

Container Listing

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Patterns #1-60, 1888-1896
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Patterns #61-121 , 1888-1896
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Patterns #122-172, 1888-1896
Image(s) |