

furniture

noun

[mass noun]

1. the movable articles that are used to make a room or building suitable for living or working in, such as tables, chairs, or desks.

2. [usually with adjective or noun modifier] the small accessories or fittings that are required for a particular task or function:

*the more sophisticated Mac furniture—number wheels, colour pickers, and so on
the mountings of a rifle: the gun is fitted with wooden furniture*

Printing pieces of wood or metal placed round or between metal type to make blank spaces and fasten the type in the chase.

in <http://oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/furniture?q=furniture> (on 18'02'2012)

Furniture Design

Furniture design encompasses the microarchitectures of seating, reclining, storage, and display. Its products include chairs, benches, couches, stools, beds, cabinets, shelving, desks, and tables.

in Design Dictionarie

Ancient furniture being mainly constructed in organic materials (wood and animal furs), they rotted away. Our knowledge of ancient furniture is mainly derived from scenes depicted in early art forms, such as pottery decorations and frescos. Perhaps the earliest furniture in existence is that found at Catal Huyuk in Turkey that dates from around 3000 BC.

The best examples of ancient furniture still in existence are those found in the tombs of Egyptian noblemen. Egyptian furniture was placed in tombs for the use of the deceased in the afterlife, and many items are still in good condition due to the hot, dry climate and the fact that they were sealed inside the burial chambers.

in <http://www.furniturestyles.net/ancient/> (on 18'02'2012)



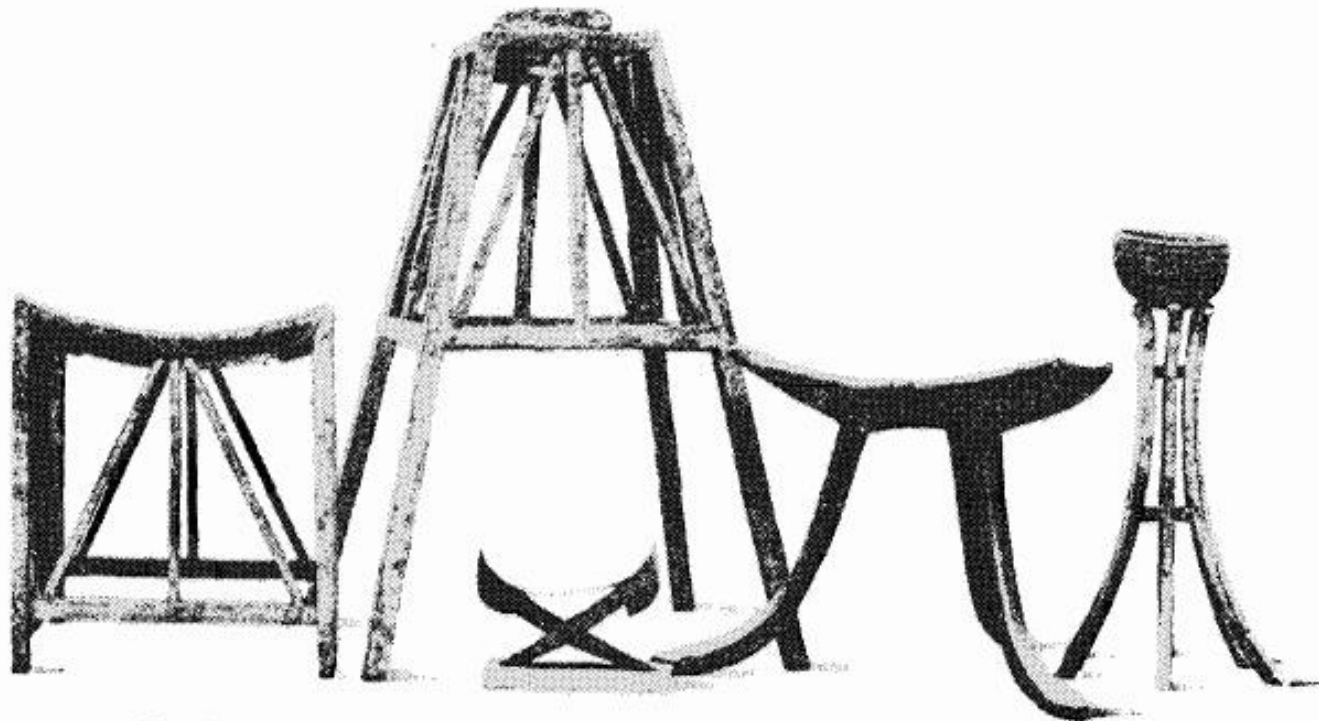
Ancient Egypt

2500 – 1075 Bc

While most of Europe was still in the Stone Age, the Egyptians were building palaces, studying mathematics and writing on papyrus. They were great builders and great artists, drawing the inspiration for their art from nature. A complex social and religious structure was in place.

Egypt was eventually conquered by Alexander the Great, and later by the Romans. Both the Greek and Roman conquerors were significantly influenced by Egyptian culture, art and philosophy, so that to some extent it was a case of the conquerors being civilized by the conquered.

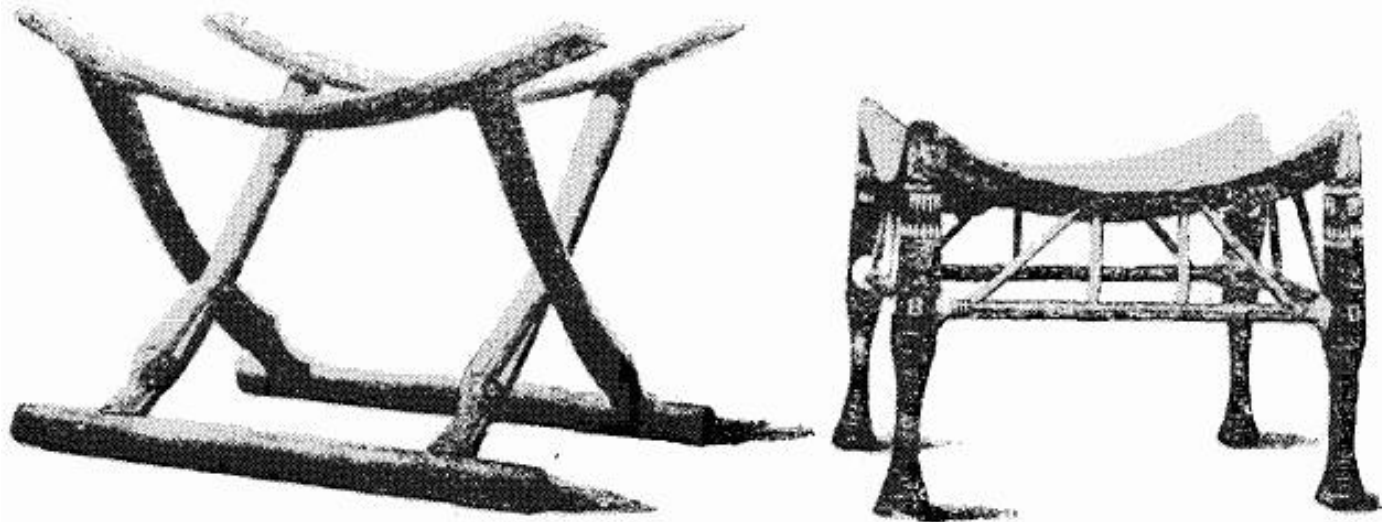
Egyptian antique furniture provides almost the only surviving examples of actual ancient furniture. Egyptians believed that possessions could still be used in the afterlife, and items of furniture were buried with the dead in sealed tombs.



Stool.

Stand for a Vase.
Head Rest or Pillow.

Workman's Stool. Vase on a Stand.



FOLDING STOOL.

EBONY SEAT INLAID WITH IVORY.

(From Photos by Mansell & Co. of the originals in the British Museum.)