Egyptian Symbols and Decorative Motifs

- 2 are common:
- Guilloche [gi-lohsh] =
 - curving wave pattern
- Chevron or zigzag =
 - for the Nile or water





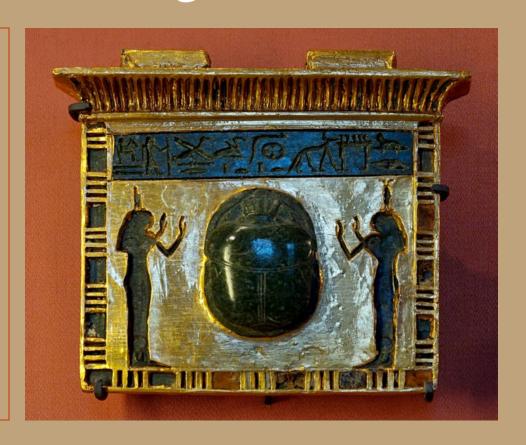




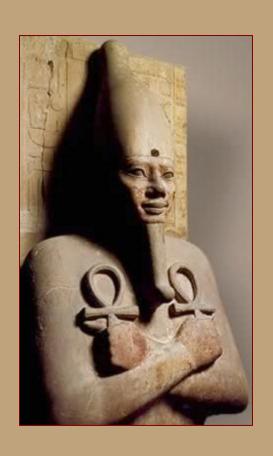
Winged Scarab

- Scarab beetle

 Symbol of the sun god and life
- Scarab Amulet
 - worn to ward off evil, illness
 - or to bring good fortune



Ankh





Symbol of eternal life

Udjat

- Eye of Horus
 - falcon headed god protection
- Udjat = all-seeing eye
 - human eye with falcon
- Udjat amulet
 - royal power
 - protection
 - against sickness
 - against death





- Oval with symbols
 - Shape = protective border
 - Encloses king's name
 - Includes an epithet =words/ symbols of praise

The Cartouche

Amun = god

King Tut = bird

Wave = Nile

Ankh = eternal life

Lower Egypt

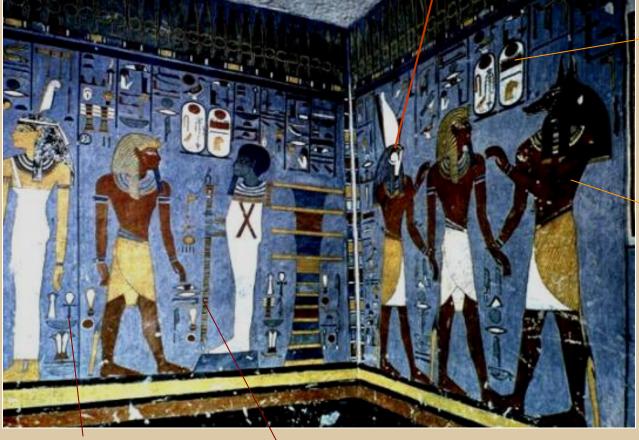
Crook = ruler

Cartouche of King Tut

Upper Egypt

Horus = falcon-headed sky god

Cartouche



Anubis = jackal guardian of dead

Ankh = Life

Udjat = all-seeing eye

Tomb Painting -

Ramses I, Dynasty XIX, 1320-1318 B.C.

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