

ID 6101	Region Upper Egypt
Name Narmer Box, no. 1	Site Abydos
Date (Period) Dyn. 1	Locality Cemetery B
Date (King) Narmer	Depository Abydos (German excavations); Ashmolean Museum (Oxford); Royal Museums of Art and History (Brussels); British Museum (London); University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (Philadelphia); Museum of Fine Arts (Boston); Petrie Museum (University College London); Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung (Berlin)
Dated By Royal name	Registration No. (see Comments)
Type Decorated box	Dimensions (Estimate based on reconstruction) Width x length: 21 x 28 cm or 21 x 34.9 cm; height: at least 8 cm
Method of Inscription Incised	Signs
Material Bone	

References:

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Kahl, 1994, p. 177, no. 94,
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Dreyer et al., 2003, pp. 86-88 , pls. 16e, 16h
Dreyer, 2005, pp. 255-257, p. 257, fig. 4a-h
Campagno, 2008, pp. 695-696, p. 696, fig. 1
Dreyer, 2014-2015, pp. 91-104, p. 94, figs. 1; p. 96, fig. 4a; p.97, fig. 4b
Günter Dreyer, personal communication, 2016, figs. K 1215b, K 1215d+e, K 1214a (restored)
Dreyer, 2017, p. 99,
Renée Friedman, personal communication, 2018,
Kammerzell, 2021, pp. 68-71,
British Museum (London), EA35514
Museum of Fine Arts (Boston) , 01.7369
Petrie Museum (University College London) , LDUCE-UC15463
Regulski, Database of Early Dynastic Inscriptions, 0094

Royal Museums of Art and History (Brussels), E.06144

University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (Philadelphia), E9379E

Comments

Dreyer (2005) proposed that 8 bone fragments found in Cemetery B, Umm el-Qa'ab, in Abydos, of similar material and style, are fragments of a box of Narmer representing the defeat of the THnw people, the same event represented on the Narmer Palette. In Dreyer (2016) he identified 43 fragments that he suggests were part of Narmer Boxes, and used 38 of them (the rest were too small) to reconstruct 3 boxes. As in his 2005 article, Dreyer describes Box 1 as representing the defeat of the THnw people. (The other references shown above are for individual fragments, not discussed in relation to the Narmer Boxes.)

The main fragments with dimensions (where known):

K 1213a

K1213e

K 1214a+b

K 1215a

K 1215b

K 1215d+e

K 1216a+g

K 1216f

K 1358

Ashmolean AN1896-1908 E. 1334: 4.2 cm H, 1.4 cm L

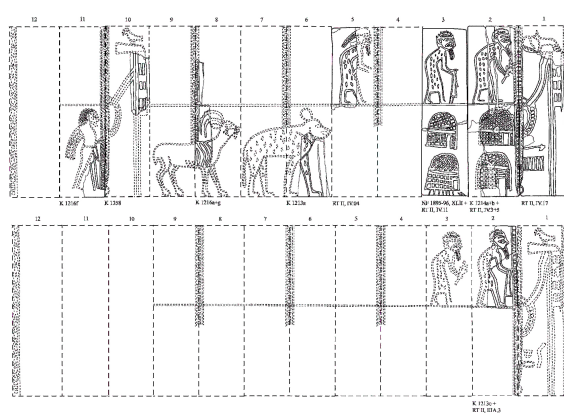
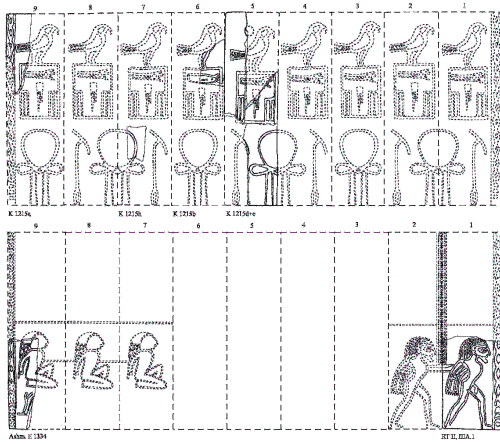
AN1896-1908 E. 1338: 2.4 cm H, 1.4 cm L

Brussels E.06144: 5.1 cm H, 2.4 cm L, 0.4 cm W

BM EA35514: 3.9 cm H, 2.5 cm L, 0.4 cm W

Philadelphia E9379E: 5.08 cm H, 0.95 cm L, 0.32 cm W

MEA 01.7360: 4.2 cm H, 2.5 cm L



Günter Dreyer, personal communication, 2016

figs. K 1215b, K 1215d+e, K 1214a (restored)



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Petrie, 1901, RT II

pls. IIIA.1, IIIA.3, IV.3, IV.5, IV.17



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Dreyer, 2014-2015

p. 94, figs. 1; p. 96, fig. 4a; p.97, fig. 4b



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