





Throne of Egyptian Queen Hetepheres

Reproduction of a chair from the Fourth Dynasty, Egypt (2016)

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On display at the Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East

[Recreating the Throne of Egyptian Queen Hetepheres](#)

An interdisciplinary collaboration at Harvard University has created a full-scale reproduction of an ancient Egyptian throne belonging to Queen Hetepheres (about 2550 BC). The chair's materials are based on the ancient original: cedar, bright blue faience tiles, gold foil, gesso, cordage seating, and copper. This experiment in archaeological visualization is a triumph of reconstruction because the only guidance came from thousands of tiny, jumbled fragments and 90-year old expedition records.

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