

WEEK 34: Hand block printed pattern with 'hieroglyphics'

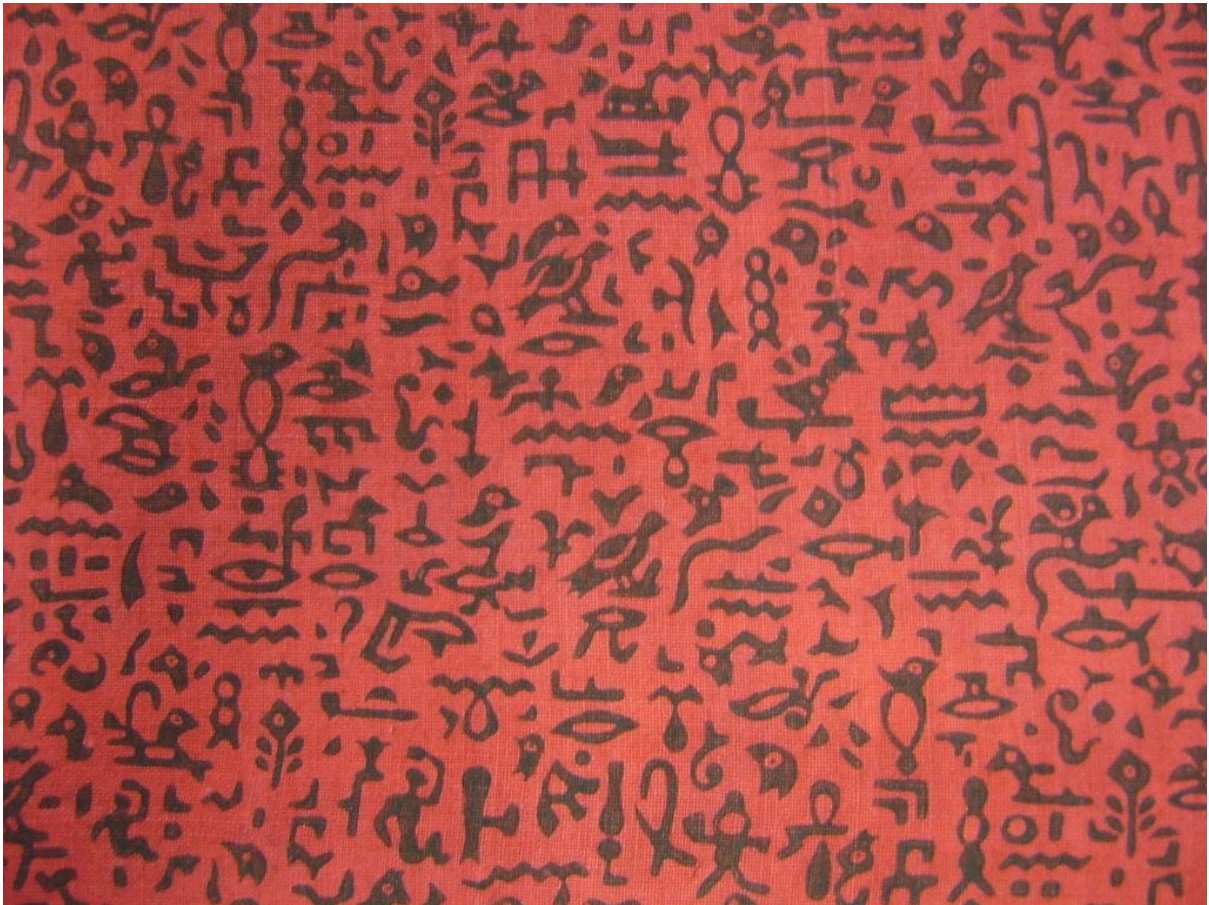


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This pattern is from a pattern book which was labelled 'Colour Block Book 1' and it is thought that the book belonged either to William Stirling and Sons or to Archibald Orr Ewing and Co. The book contains a number of small print filling patterns like this. There are a number of dates written throughout the book, the earliest been 1881 and the latest being 1906. This means that the book was in use both before and after the creation of the UTR in 1898. The symbols are similar to hieroglyphics but do not appear to make any sense which would suggest that this pattern was intended for a British or European market.