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A Reliquary Bag Fragment

A Stitch Out of Time

Date/Period
14th-15th Century

Country
Germany

Museum
Victoria & Albert Museum, London.
Dress and Textiles Department, Frame I-8

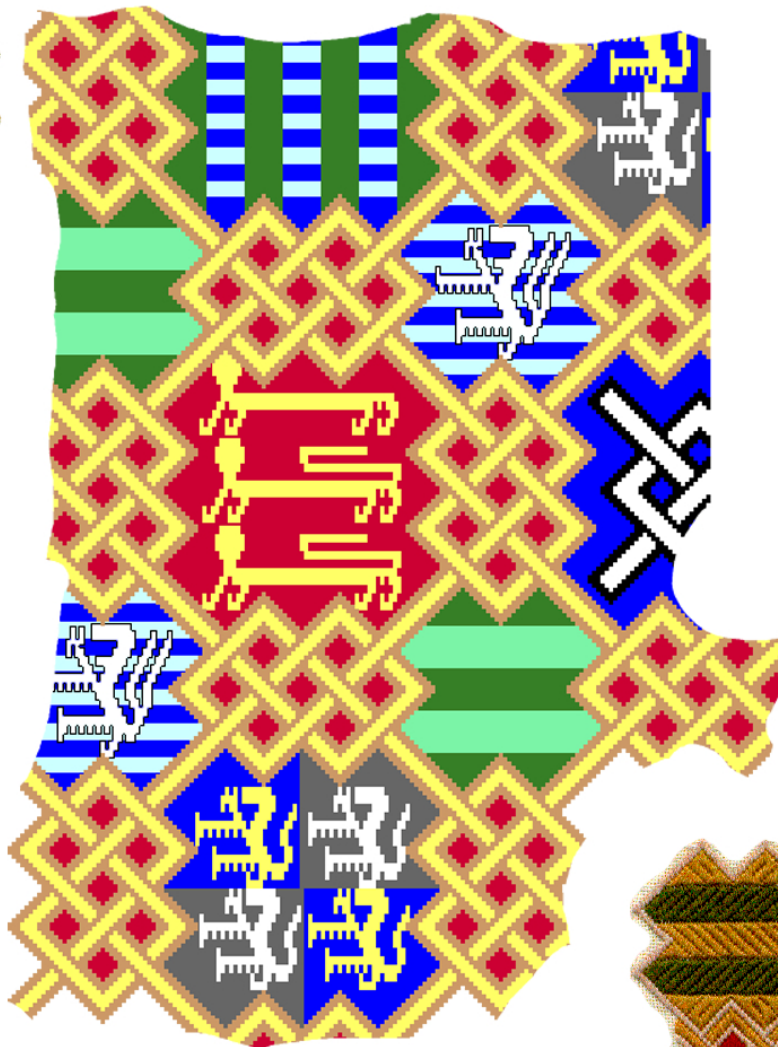
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This example is a badly damaged fragment of a much larger piece. These four sheets contain the patterns that can be reconstructed from what remains.

This piece comes from the cathedral of Merzeberg, Germany, and is thought to have been originally used as a bag to contain religious relics.

"Fragment with heraldic devices, German, 14th Century. Silver and gilt strip and colored silks in brick and satin stitches on linen."

51 threads per inch evenweave fabric



The diagram above is the same size as the original piece. The materials are badly worn and faded. The only colors I can be sure of are the gilt and silver strip that still survives. Therefore the colors shown here and on the following pages are there to show the color divisions only.