

FOLK ART STYLES ~ Intarsian Painting

Not to be confused with the woodworking technique of intarsia, Intarsian Painting is a form of decorative painting where wood inlay and traditional intarsia woodworking are imitated by painting.

It is sometimes called "Intarsian Malerei".

Intarsian painting probably originated during the Biedermeier Era which is a period defined as being between the years 1815, the end of the Napoleon Wars, and 1848, the year of the European revolutions. It is believed that painted decoration during this period was used to imitate the furniture of the wealthy which were usually ornate pieces with inlays and intarsia work painstakingly done.

