

DEIR EL-BAHARI

43. Reconstructed decorated block with offerings

Deir el-Bahari. Temple of Tuthmosis III

Eighteenth Dynasty

H. 58 cm, L. 119 cm, painted limestone

Deir el-Bahari, storeroom, temporary Inv. No. 45

The block has been reconstructed from many fragments and completed. It belongs to a huge scene on the south wall of Room D of the temple *Djeser-akhet*. In this scene the King, followed by his royal *ka*-figure, ceremonially consecrates a multi-layered pile of festival offerings to the seated Amun. The god in return promises him many jubilees. The temple was visited annually during the Beautiful Festival of the Valley and extremely rich offerings are a feature of this feast. The offerings represented on this block include three tall red vases on stands with stems of lotus buds twisted round them and two lettuces in between, several loaves of bread of various shapes, a basket with grapes and a bunch of grapes, a bunch of onions, a piece of meat and a bird.

The block is among over thirty blocks already reconstructed in view of rebuilding some parts of walls of the temple *Djeser-akhet*, to be displayed in a site museum in the future.

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Tuthmosis III (with ka) presenting offerings to Amun

Temple of Tuthmosis III at Deir el-Bahari, Room D, south wall

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The block is not on exhibition.





