



Rare Cabinet  
Josef Frank  
1940

Josef Frank: a cabinet covered with Georges Peltier's 'Plan de Paris à vol d'oiseau', Svenskt Tenn, Stockholm, ca 1937-1943.

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Oak, brass hinges, the side with a plaque of leather stating PLAN DE PARIS A VOL D'OISEAU G PELTIER, the interior with shelves. Key included.

Provenance:

Marianna Backlund, close friend of Estrid Ericson, founder of Svenskt Tenn  
Thence by descent to the present owner

Already in Vienna in the early 1930s when working with Oscar Wlach and their company Haus & Garten Josef Frank began to cover cabinets with different kind of materials. At the time he made use of different textiles. After he moved to Sweden Frank designed the first cabinet covered with prints in 1938, it was the so called 'Flora cabinet'. After that he designed several versions of covered cabinets, sometimes with different kind of fabrics, sometimes with leather but also the more rare ones covered with maps or plans. In the catalogue from The Swedish National museum of 1952 "Josef Frank 20 år i Svenskt Tenn" there is a similar cabinet nr 2132 which is covered with a map of London. The present cabinet composed with partitions is an early one and a really rare model.

About the map:

The French cartographer Georges Peltier made this very detailed plan over how Paris was for the year

1920.

It took Georges Peltier more than 20 years to make this remarkable map of Paris. It took 30.000 man-hours of research and sketching.

Every single Paris street is seen on the map, even the tiniest ones. People that are familiar with Paris will recognize famous landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Bastille and all train stations.

Nine editions of the map were published between 1920 and 1985.

Produced by Svenskt Tenn

H.149cm/58.7" W.99cm/39.0" D.44cm/17.3"



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