**French Art**

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**ENTRY HALL**

A cabinetmaker fit pieces of colored wood together like a puzzle to make it look like a basket of flowers.

*What other pictures do you see on this chest of drawers?*

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**ENTRY HALL**

A stork drinks from a tall bottle with its beak, while a thirsty fox, whose snout can’t fit into the bottle, watches. This scene is from a fable called “The Fox and the Stork.” A fable is a story that teaches a lesson.

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**HALL TO PAVILION**

An artist named Pauline Knip painted this bird. She studied real birds at a natural history museum so she could make her paintings as accurate as possible.

*What colors are the birds on the nearby dishes?*

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*Chest of Drawers (Commode)*, attributed to Jean-Henri Riesener, Paris, about 1779, wood marquetry, gilt bronze, marble (33.11)

*Armchair*, Paris, 1600s, walnut, tapestry (31.70)

*Plate from the South American Birds Service*, Sèvres Porcelain Manufactory, Pauline Knip, painter, J.F.C. Leloi, border designer, Sèvres, France, 1819-20, porcelain (24.136.4)

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**FRENCH DRAWING ROOM**
These children are playing a game of spinning an arrow to win cookies. Nearby a traveling salesman, wearing a turban, sells his products.

*What else is happening in this scene?*

- Tapestry, Beauvais Tapestry Manufactory, François Boucher, designer, Beauvais, France, 1736, wool, silk (41.1)
- Swivel Chair, Claude I. Sené, Paris, about 1785, gilt wood, leather (31.85)

**DINING ROOM**
This metal lion decorates an andiron (pronounced and-iron). Pairs of andirons are used to hold wood in fireplaces.

*What other animals can you find on art in the mansion?*

- Andiron, Paris, about 1750, gilt bronze (14.4.1)

**DINING ROOM**
This paneling was originally on the walls of an old house in Paris. Notice the birds, flowers, and shells carved in the wood.

*What else is happening in this scene?*

- Paneling, Paris, about 1730, oak (34.62)

**FRENCH PORCELAIN ROOM**
People used to put ice in the lid and in the bottom of fancy pails like this to keep fruit and ice cream cool at big feasts.

*What else is happening in this scene?*

- Ice Pail, Sèvres Porcelain Manufactory, Sèvres, France, 1700s–1800s, porcelain (24.3.1–3)
- Cup, Sèvres Porcelain Manufactory, Sèvres, France, 1778, porcelain (24.127.3)
- This rat is part of a rebus—a puzzle that uses pictures and symbols to make words. The rat helps form the French word for "delightful." People still use pictures and symbols to send messages—emojis, for example!