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since 1970*



Chess
COLLECTION

OUR CHESS COLLECTION

Manopoulos premium quality Chess collection is the result of gifted sculptors' inspiration and high level workmanship with a deep respect in the ancient Greek civilization and European history.

The figures are inspired by the most famous marble works of Art and the themes are chosen in such a way as to offer a hint of Greece's long history and fascinating mythology. The chessmen and chessboards are varnished and finished off by hand. The use of the most advanced technology of die casting and metal plating transforms carefully selected materials into fine creations .

Traditional craftsmanship and flawless manufacturing techniques, handed down from generation to generation, come alive in our factory in Greece.

Our backgammon and chess sets are not just for playing. Our games become a way to fight the dictates of standardizations. Manopoulos Chess and Backgammon are translated in a sophisticated, refined and design-led aesthetic for home decor.

We are proud to introduce this unique Chess collection engaged to great cultural value and timeless aesthetic.

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CHESS SET PACKING

Every aspect of a luxury product radiates quality and the packaging as a first point of contact should inspire people. Manopoulos uses the Luxury Wooden gift box to create a unique differentiation.

Our chess boards are carefully placed in our branded, wooden gift box while the chessmen are uniformly placed in secure placeholders. The contents of the chess set are kept safe in their places as the box closes down with the Manopoulos engraved clasp. The box can either be used closed as a base at home for displaying the beautiful chess set or as storage box in order to enjoy for a life time.



Chess set COLLECTION



Byzantine Empire

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM EUROPEAN HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 20 x 20cm



The Legend

The most long-lasting empire of all times existed and ruled the eastern part of Europe for more than 1000 years.

The orthodox continuation of the Roman Empire, known as the Byzantine Empire, expanded significantly with victorious crusades across the East and West. Their culture was formed by the Greek civilization and their language was the Greek. The Byzantines also preserved and copied classical manuscripts, and they are thus regarded as transmitters of the classical knowledge.

The Chessmen

The figures of the chessmen were inspired by the royal family of the Macedonians, one of the biggest Dynasties of the Byzantine Empire. This dynasty included some of the most able emperors in Byzantium's history such as Basil I the "Macedonian" (King) and Leo VI called the "Wise" or Philosopher (Knight). The period is one of revival and resurgence.

Chess Set Specifications

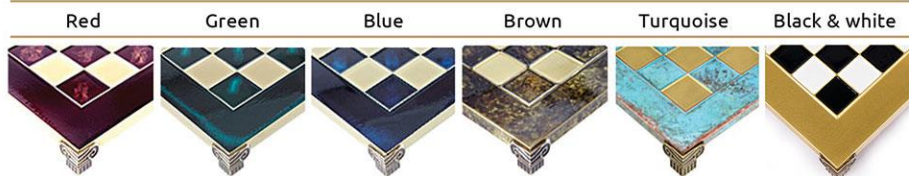
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CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 20x20cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €38,50

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



SKU: S1 Gold/Silver



SKU: S1C Brown/Gold



SKU: S1CBRO

Spartan Warrior

The Legacy

No King was ever that heroic, no warrior ever fought that bravely, no battle was ever lost that gloriously. King Leonidas and his 300 soldiers made the most notorious sacrifice of all times fighting against the Persians in the battle of Thermopylae in 480 B.C. Their story and the tragic betrayal that led to their defeat, is being told, written, sung, filmed and memorized endlessly through the centuries to this day.

The Chessmen

Leonidas (Pawn) is depicted armed for battle, holding his notorious shield with the greek letter A (L) engraved. The King represents the famous semi-god hero, Hercules, the son of Zeus, and the Knight of the famous winged horse, Pegasus. The Queen figure is a replica of the famous statue Aphrodite of Milos (200 B.C.) and the Bishop is Apollo, from the Temple of Zeus in Olympia (460 B.C.). The Castle is inspired by the Doric pillars of the Parthenon on the Acropolis (440 B.C.)



SKU: S16 Gold/Silver



SKU: S16B Blue/Brown



SKU: S16BLU

Chess Set Specifications

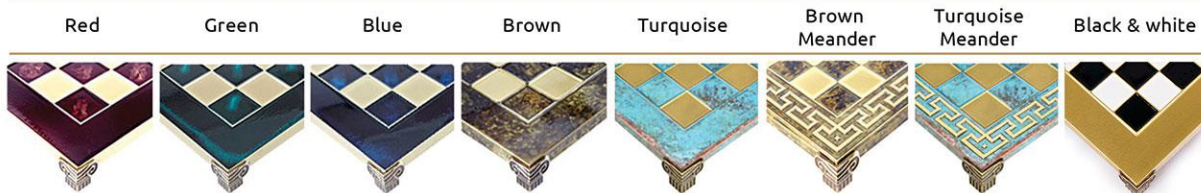
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CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 28x28cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €76,50

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Archers

The Legacy

In and out of the battlefield, archery has been a skill of great demand and appreciation. Apart from hunting, archers were the legendary defenders of the fortress walls of the city and the ones who offered covering fire during the battle.

The twin gods Apollo and Artemis were masters in archery and protectors of the archers. Philoctetes was one of the most famous archers, who carried the mythical bow of Hercules.

The Chessmen

Fierce, local and international wars characterized that period. Their ferocity is symbolized by the aggressiveness of the Archer (pawn) and the Knight. The posture of the King and Queen indicates their unquestionable leadership. The Bishop reveals his consideration for the imminent battle. Finally, the Castle is a reproduction of a pillar which was the basic symbol of the architectural style during that period.



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SKU: S15 Blue/Brass



SKU: S15RED

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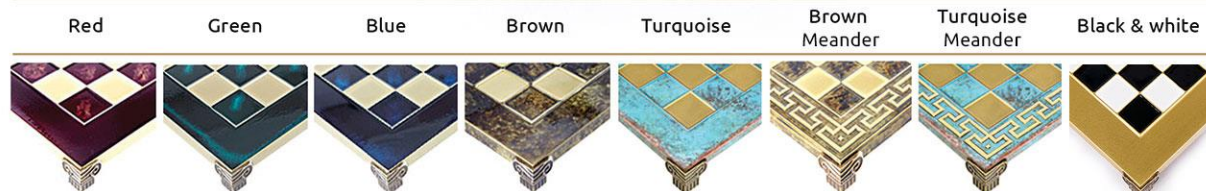
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CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 28x28cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €76,50

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS





Greek Roman Period

The Legend

With more than 23.000 infantry and 3.500 cavalry, Rome defeated Greece in Corinth, the year 146 BC. But the defeat in battle became a victory of civilizations. Roman culture was highly influenced by Greek language, education, architecture, philosophy and way of life.

As Horace said:

"Captive Greece captured her rude conqueror".

The Chessmen

Fierce, local and international wars characterized that period. Their ferocity is symbolized by the aggressiveness of the **Pawn** and the **Knight**. The posture of the **King** and **Queen** indicates their unquestionable leadership. The **Bishop** figure reveals his consideration for the imminent battle. Finally the **Castle** is a reproduction of a pillar, the basic symbol of the architectural style during the Greek- Roman period.



SKU: S3BRO



A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 28 x 28cm



Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S3 / S3A / S3B / S3C

WEIGHT: 3.4 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 5.4cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 28x28cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €74,50

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS

Red

Green

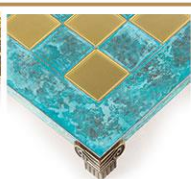
Blue



Brown

Turquoise

Black & White



Brown
Meander

Turquoise
Meander



SKU: S3 Silver/Gold



SKU: S3A Green/Gold



SKU: S3B Blue/Brown



SKU: S3C Brown/Gold

Cycladic Art - solid brass

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 28 x 28cm



The History

Cycladic civilization is the most ancient in Europe and it flourished in the Aegean Sea during the 3rd millennium B.C. Their marble art was highly stylized representations of human form with minimal geometric lines which gives them a striking resemblance to today's modern art.

The King represents a strong male figure with minimal broad shoulders whereas the idol of Queen is devoted to the most significant period in a woman's life, pregnancy. The Bishop figure has indicative lines with hands under chest and legs together.

The Knight is a horse from the war of Troy, found on the bas-relief decoration of a vase in Mykonos Island.

The Castle is a replica of the massive 2500-year old marble temple entrance, which is still the landmark of Naxos Island. Finally, the Pawn is the head of the most known marble idol of this period.



SKU: S22B Blue/Brown



SKU: S22BBLU

Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S22B WEIGHT: 3.2 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 5.2cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 28x28cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

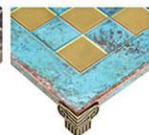
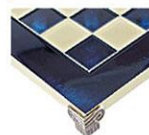
PRICE: €85,80

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS

Blue

Brown

Turquoise



A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 28 x 28cm



Classic Metal Staunton

Size of chessboard: 28 x 28cm



The History

The Staunton chess pieces, the ones we know and love, the ones we simply think of as chess pieces. These classic chess pieces are named after Howard Staunton who was widely considered to be one of the best players in the world. The knight, the most intricate and distinct piece of any chess set, is a realistically carved horse head. The Staunton Knight was likely inspired by a sculpture on the east pediment of the Parthenon. The Metal Staunton by Manopoulos reinforces this architectural history of the original pieces while respecting their timeless design.



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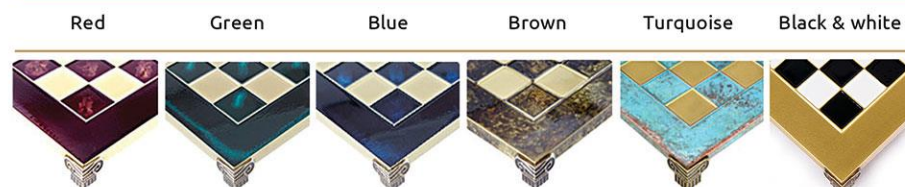


SKU: S32BLA

Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S32 WEIGHT: 3.2 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 5cm
CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 28x28cm
PACKING: Wooden case with storage
PRICE: €76,50

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Greek Mythology

The Legend

A glorious city was the bone of contention between two powerful gods. The God of the Sea, Poseidon and Goddess of Wisdom, Athena, each one wanted the city to be named after themselves. The divine conflict was fierce so Zeus declared that each god had to make an offer to the citizens. Poseidon lifted his trident and struck the rock of the Acropolis where sea water burst out. "It will warn you for upcoming storms. Your city will conquer the seas", he said. Athena knelt and touched the ground where an olive tree started to grow. "For food, oil, wood and light. Your city will become the symbol of civilization". Despite the rage of Poseidon, Athena's gift was preferred and ever since the city is called Athens.

The Chessmen

Greek sculptors loved to recreate this divine conflict through their art. The King is a replica of the famous statue "Poseidon of Melos" (2nd cent. B.C.), and the Queen represents the glorious "Athena Promachos" (450 B.C., Acropolis Museum). A bronze Hellenistic statue has inspired the Bishop and the Knight is a part of the marble facade of Parthenon sculptured by Pheidias. The castle is a reproduction of one of the most admirable Attic stele devoted to young Aristion who died in battle. Finally, the Pawn is a bronze statue of a fully armed warrior in 500 B.C.



SKU: S4BRO



A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 36 x 36cm



Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S4 / S4A / S4B / S4C
WEIGHT: 4.8 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 6.5cm
CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 36x36cm
PACKING: Wooden case with storage
PRICE: €96.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Labours of Hercules

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 36 x 36cm



The History

Hercules, the most legendary half-god hero of mythology, famous not only for his enormous strength but also for his humble offer to the people. Hercules was born in Thiva, from the secret union of mortal Alkmini with King of the Gods, Zeus. His 12 labours were major heroic tasks that involved saving people from deadly mythical beasts. He helped Gods in their war with the Giants, when even his eternal enemy, Hera, Queen of Gods forgave him and offered him a place in Olympus. A story of strength, tragedy and redemption that made the son of Zeus the favorite hero of mankind.

The Chessmen

Hercules (Pawn), the greatest hero of mythology, is often depicted wearing the lion skin from his first labor. Zeus (King), his father and King of Gods stands almighty with his thunderbolt in hand. Athena (Queen), armed defender of justice, always protected Hercules. Apollo (Bishop) took part in the Battle of the Giants. Centaur (Knight) kidnapped Hercules's wife, so the hero killed him to save her. Ironically, years later it was his poisonous blood that caused Hercules death. The Castle is a replica of an Ionian column that represents the architectural rhythm of the period.



SKU: S5 Silver/Gold



SKU: S5BRO

Chess Set Specifications

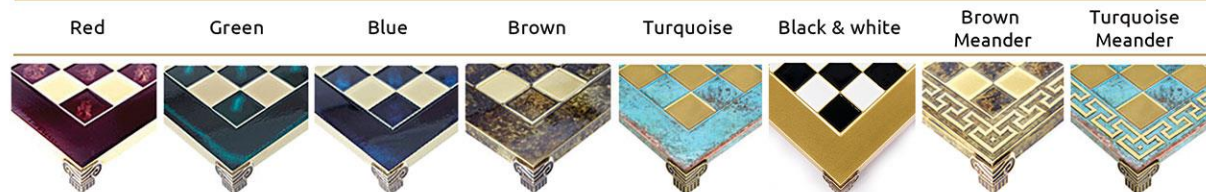
SKU: S5 WEIGHT: 4.8 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 5.8cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 36x36cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €96.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS





The Legend

Minoan civilization flourished in the Greek island of Crete 4500 years ago and was named after the Mythic King of the city of Knossos, Minos. Despite the common belief that Minoans were a peaceful civilization where, war played a little to no role, hunting scenes often featured shields, helmets and garb suited more to a warrior's identity, than to a hunter's. Moreover, an empire of that magnitude, with neighbors with great military power such as Egypt and others could not be built without a powerful and significant Minoan army.

The Chessmen

The King is inspired from a fresco relief named Prince of the Lilies, in the Knossos Palace. The Goddess of the Snakes (Queen) was the matriarchal figure of fertility, wearing the garment of the era. The Bishop figure is inspired by the mythical monster Minotaur that was imprisoned in the labyrinth of the Palace. The Castle is a pillar of the Palace, still standing at Knossos to this day, admirably maintaining its red colors. The double axe that the soldier (Pawn) holds is a religious symbol of the period and the Knight is inspired by the decoration of the late Minoan years.



SKU: S8 Gold/Silver



SKU: S8BLU

Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S8 WEIGHT: 4.8 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 8.2cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 36x36cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €96.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Battle of the Giants

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 36 x 36cm



The History

Savage is always the war for dominance. But when the battle is among Gods and Giants, no myth could ever describe the ferocity. Giants, the tremendous sons of Mother Earth, rose against Zeus, the King of the Olympian Gods. No one could stand by his side better, but his favorite son, the strongest hero Greece ever met, Hercules. His son fought with the other Gods against the Giants, whose power grew every time they touched the Earth. A number of myths followed the course of the battle and the final victory of the Olympians went down in history.

The Chessmen

Zeus (King) The King of the Olympian Gods, is the leader of the war against the Giants (Pawn), with Hercules (Pawn) by his side. Athena (Queen), the Goddess of Wisdom and Ares (Bishop) the God of War, left their differences aside and fought together. The figure of the Knight is inspired by the mythical creatures called the Centaurs, and the Castle is an Ionian pillar, according to the architectural style of the period.



SKU: S18 Silver/Gold



SKU: S18BLU

Chess Set Specifications

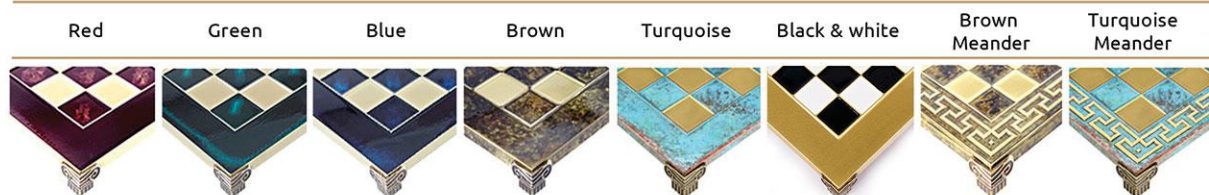
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CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 36x36cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €96.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Discus Thrower

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 36 x 36cm



The Legend

Olympic Games were the most glorious religious athletic festival in the ancient world. Every 4 years, all city-states of Greece ceased their conflicts and gathered in ancient Olympia where the best athletes were taking part in athletic and combat sports. Running, jumping, wrestling and of course discus throwing were some of the sports that would declare the honorable winner. An olive leaf wreath, cut by a pair of golden scissors, was the prize of eternal glory.

The Chessmen

Famous sculptors were always inspired by the Olympic Games. The purpose was to highlight the beauty of the athlete's shape and the majesty of the honored Gods. The King figure is a replica of the famous statue "Poseidon of Melos" (2nd cent. B.C.), and the Queen represents the glorious "Athena Promachos" (450 B.C. Acropolis museum). A bronze statue of god Hermes has inspired the Bishop figure and the Knight is a part of the marble facade of Parthenon. Castle is a reproduction of an admirable Attic stele of young Aristion who died in battle. Finally the Pawn is a bronze statue of a discus thrower athlete during the classic period (500 B.C.).



SKU: S7 Silver/Gold



SKU: S7BRO

Chess Set Specifications

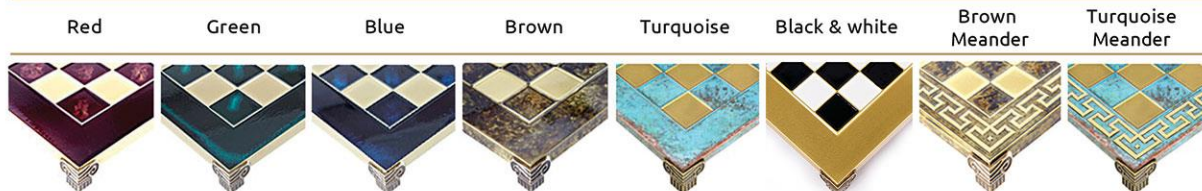
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CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 36x36cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €96.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Renaissance

The Legacy

After the dark Middle Ages, Europe was influenced by great nostalgia for classical antiquity. Literature, philosophy, art, science, architecture and politics were reformed by the revival of interest in the values of the Greeks. The word Renaissance literally means "rebirth", as a deep desire of mankind to recover from the darkness. The value of the human life and the extraordinary genius of human brain were restored by rediscovering the spiritual legacy of ancient Greece.

The Chessmen

The figures are gracefully thin and symbolically decorated, according to the slender aesthetics of the period. The King and the Queen reflect a more individualistic view of man, the Knight combines influences of an increased awareness of nature while the Rook represents a revival of classical learning. The Renaissance period was a cultural awakening in the art world. Advances in perspective and the depiction of human anatomy resulted in a trend of increasing naturalism in Renaissance sculpture, in which human and animal figures were depicted with startling life-likeness.

Chess Set Specifications

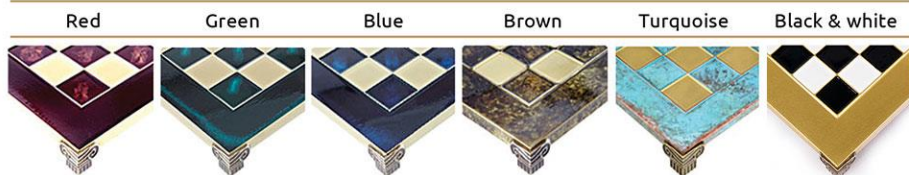
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CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 36x36cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €96.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



SKU: S9 Gold/Silver



SKU: S9C Gold/Brown



SKU: S9B Blue/Brass



SKU: S9BLU



A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM EUROPEAN HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 36 x 36cm



Classic Metal Staunton

Size of chessboard: 36 x 36cm



The History

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SKU: S34 Gold/Silver



SKU: S34BLA

Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S34 WEIGHT: 4.8 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 6.3cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 36x36cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €96.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Archers

The Legacy

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The twin gods Apollo and Artemis were masters in archery and protectors of the archers. Philoctetes was one of the most famous archers, who carried the mythical bow of Hercules.

The Chessmen

Fierce, local and international wars characterized that period. Their ferocity is symbolized by the aggressiveness of the Archer (pawn) and the Knight. The posture of the King and Queen indicates their unquestionable leadership. The Bishop reveals his consideration for the imminent battle. Finally, the Castle is a reproduction of a pillar which was the basic symbol of the architectural style during that period.

Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S10 / S10B WEIGHT: 8 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 9.7cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 44x44cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €125.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



SKU: S10 Gold/Silver



SKU: S10B Blue/Brown



SKU: S10GRE



A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 44 x 44cm



Greek Roman Period

The Legend

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Fierce, local and international wars characterized that period. Their ferocity is symbolized by the aggressiveness of the **Pawn** and the **Knight**. The posture of the **King** and **Queen** indicates their unquestionable leadership. The **Bishop** figure reveals his consideration for the imminent battle. Finally the **Castle** is a reproduction of a pillar, the basic symbol of the architectural style during the Greek-Roman period.



SKU: S11BRO



A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 44 x 44cm



Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S11 / S11A / S11B / S11C

WEIGHT: 7.4 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 9.7cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 44x44cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €125.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS

Red



Green



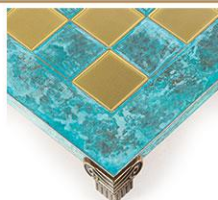
Brown



Blue



Turquoise



SKU: S11 Gold/Silver



SKU: S11A Gold/Green



SKU: S11B Brown/Blue



SKU: S11C Gold/Brown

Medieval Knights

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM EUROPEAN HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 44 x 44cm



The Legacy

Renaissance had its undoubted protagonists: Knights have been evolved from the iron-masked soldiers of the Middle Ages to the idolized heroes of higher nobility. Through Europe they were named Knights, Sirs, Musketeers or Guardians and were portrayed as the ideal men. With their own code of honor, knight-hood's ideals of virtue was immortalized in history through Renaissance literature and romance.

The Chessmen

The figures are created according to the evolution of the Knight to a noble, elegant guardian and protector, during the renaissance period. In order to become a knight, one had to be trained in hunting and travelling and familiarize themselves with horses and warfare. At the age of 20 they were knighted at a special ceremony during which they were given their swords and had to swear to use them only for sacred and fair purposes.



SKU: S12 Gold/Silver



SKU: S12B Blue/Brass

Chess Set Specifications

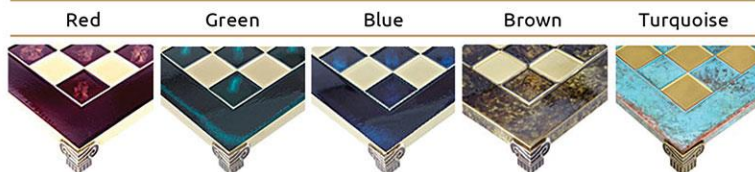
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CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 44x44cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €125.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



SKU: S12GRE

Classic Metal Staunton

Size of chessboard: 44 x 44cm



The History

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The knight, the most intricate and distinct piece of any chess set, is a realistically carved horse head. The Staunton Knight was likely inspired by a sculpture on the east pediment of the Parthenon. The Metal Staunton by Manopoulos reinforces this architectural history of the original pieces while respecting their timeless design.



SKU: S33 Gold/Silver



SKU: S33BRO

Chess Set Specifications

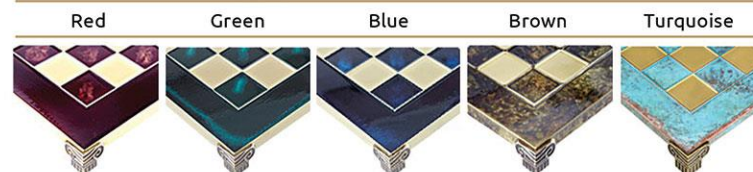
SKU: S33 WEIGHT: 8.4 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 8.8cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 44x44cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €125.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Archaic Period - solid brass

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 44 x 44cm



The History

Archaic Greece was the period in Greek History lasting from the 8th century BC to the second Persian invasion of Greece in 480 BC.

The archaic period saw developments in Greek politics, economics, international relations, warfare and culture. It was in the archaic period that the Greek alphabet developed, the earliest surviving Greek literature was composed, monumental sculpture and red-figure pottery began in Greece. Artists rapidly assimilated foreign styles and motifs into new portrayals of their own myths and customs, thereby forging the foundations of Archaic and Classical Greek Art.



SKU: S24B Brown/Blue (Solid brass)



SKU: S24BTIR

Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S24B WEIGHT: 7.5 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 8.5cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 44x44cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

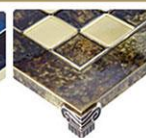
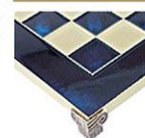
PRICE: €137,50

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS

Blue

Brown

Turquoise



Cycladic Art - solid brass

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 44 x 44cm



The History

Cycladic civilization is the most ancient in Europe and it flourished in the Aegean Sea during the 3rd millennium B.C. Their marble art was highly stylized representations of human form with minimal geometric lines which gives them a striking resemblance to today's modern art. The King represents a strong male figure with minimal broad shoulders whereas the idol of Queen is devoted to the most significant period in a woman's life, pregnancy. The Bishop figure has indicative lines with hands under chest and legs together. The Knight is a horse from the war of Troy, found on the bas-relief decoration of a vase in Mykonos Island. The Castle is a replica of the massive 2500-year old marble temple entrance, which is still the landmark of Naxos Island. Finally, the Pawn is the head of the most known marble idol of this period.



SKU: S23B Blue/Brown (Solid brass)



SKU: S23BBLU

Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S23B WEIGHT: 8 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 8.5cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 44x44cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €149.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS

Blue Brown Turquoise



Greek Mythology

The Legend

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The Chessmen

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SKU: S19BRO

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 54 x 54cm



Chess Set Specifications

SKU: S19 / S19B

WEIGHT: 8.6 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 10.5cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 54x54cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €279.00



SKU: S19 Gold/Silver



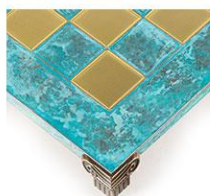
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AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS

Brown



Turquoise



Byzantine Empire

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM EUROPEAN HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 20 x 20cm



The Legend

The most long-lasting empire of all times existed and ruled the eastern part of Europe for more than 1000 years.

The orthodox continuation of the Roman Empire, known as the Byzantine Empire, expanded significantly with victorious crusades across the East and West. Their culture was formed by the Greek civilization and their language was the Greek. The Byzantines also preserved and copied classical manuscripts, and they are thus regarded as transmitters of the classical knowledge.

The Chessmen

The figures of the chessmen were inspired by the royal family of the Macedonians, one of the biggest Dynasties of the Byzantine Empire. This dynasty included some of the most able emperors in Byzantium's history such as Basil I the "Macedonian" (King) and Leo VI called the "Wise" or Philosopher (Knight). The period is one of revival and resurgence.



SKU: SK1 Gold/Silver



SKU: SK1RED

Chess Set Specifications

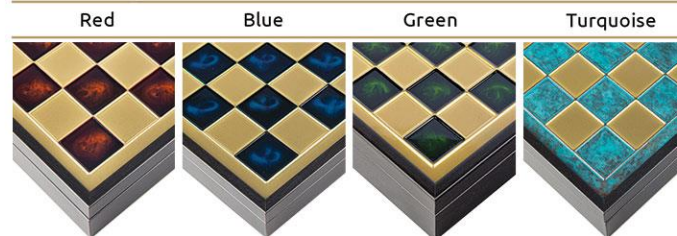
SKU: SK1 WEIGHT: 1 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 3.5cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 20x20cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €29.90

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Greek Roman Period

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 27 x 27cm



The Legend

With more than 23.000 infantry and 3.500 cavalry, Rome defeated Greece in Corinth, the year 146 BC. But the defeat in battle became a victory of civilizations.

Roman culture was highly influenced by Greek language, education, architecture, philosophy and way of life.

As Horace said: "Captive Greece captured her rude conqueror".

The Chessmen

Fierce, local and international wars characterized that period. Their ferocity is symbolized by the aggressiveness of the **Pawn** and the **Knight**.

The posture of the **King** and **Queen** indicates their unquestionable leadership. The **Bishop** figure reveals his consideration for the imminent battle. Finally the **Castle** is a reproduction of a pillar, the basic symbol of the architectural style during the Greek- Roman period.



SKU: SK3 Gold/Silver



SKU: SK3BLU

Chess Set Specifications

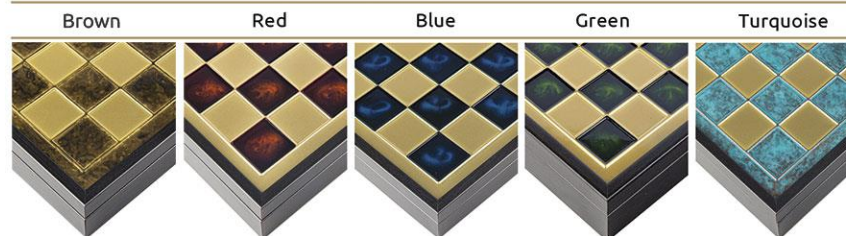
SKU: SK3 WEIGHT: 7 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 5.4cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 27x27cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €62.50

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Greek Mythology

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 34 x 34cm



The Legend

A glorious city was the bone of contention between two powerful gods. The God of the Sea, Poseidon and Goddess of Wisdom, Athena, each one wanted the city to be named after themselves. The divine conflict was fierce so Zeus declared that each god had to make an offer to the citizens. Poseidon lifted his trident and struck the rock of the Acropolis where sea water burst out. "It will warn you for upcoming storms. Your city will conquer the seas", he said. Athena knelt and touched the ground where an olive tree started to grow. "For food, oil, wood and light. Your city will become the symbol of civilization". Despite the rage of Poseidon, Athena's gift was preferred and ever since the city is called Athens.

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SKU: SK4 Silver/Gold



SKU: SK4BRO

Chess Set Specifications

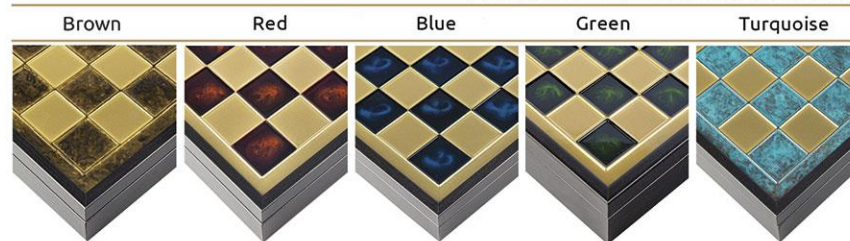
SKU: SK4 WEIGHT: 3 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 6.5cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 34x34cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €87.50

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS





The Legacy

In and out of the battlefield, archery has been a skill of great demand and appreciation. Apart from hunting, archers were the legendary defenders of the fortress walls of the city and the ones who offered covering fire during the battle.

The twin gods Apollo and Artemis were masters in archery and protectors of the archers. Philoctetes was one of the most famous archers, who carried the mythical bow of Hercules.

The Chessmen

Fierce, local and international wars characterized that period. Their ferocity is symbolized by the aggressiveness of the Archer (pawn) and the Knight. The posture of the King and Queen indicates their unquestionable leadership. The Bishop reveals his consideration for the imminent battle. Finally, the Castle is a reproduction of a pillar which was the basic symbol of the architectural style during that period.



SKU: SK10 Gold/Silver



SKU: SK10BRO

Chess Set Specifications

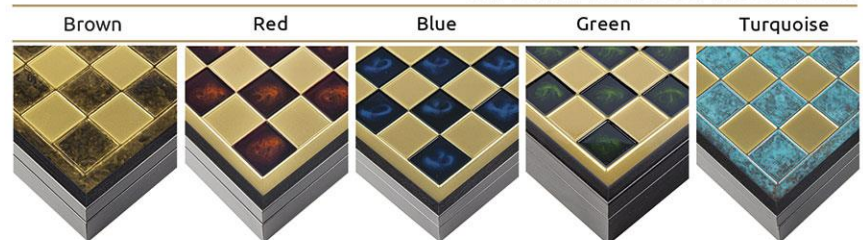
SKU: SK10 WEIGHT: 5 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 9.7cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 41x41cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €115.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Greek Roman Period

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 41 x41cm



The Legend

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SKU: SK11 Silver/Gold



SKU: SK11BLU

Chess Set Specifications

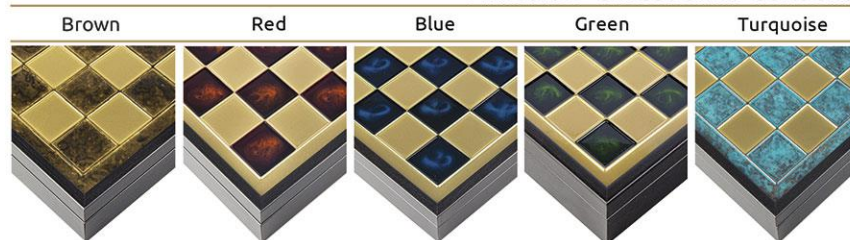
SKU: SK11 WEIGHT: 5 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 9.7cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 41x41cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €115.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Archaic Period

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 41 x41cm



The History

Archaic Greece was the period in Greek History lasting from the 8th century BC to the second Persian invasion of Greece in 480 BC.

The archaic period saw developments in Greek politics, economics, international relations, warfare and culture. It was in the archaic period that the Greek alphabet developed, the earliest surviving Greek literature was composed, monumental sculpture and red-figure pottery began in Greece. Artists rapidly assimilated foreign styles and motifs into new portrayals of their own myths and customs, thereby forging the foundations of Archaic and Classical Greek Art.



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Chess Set Specifications

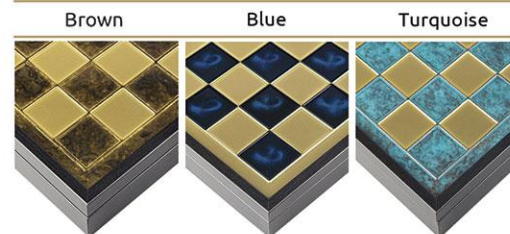
SKU: SK24B WEIGHT: 7 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 9cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 41x41cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €115.00

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



Greek Mythology

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SKU: SK19RED

A CHESS SET INSPIRED FROM GREEK HISTORY

Size of chessboard: 48 x 48cm



Chess Set Specifications

SKU: SK19 / SK19B / SK19C

WEIGHT: 8.6 kg KING'S HEIGHT: 10.5cm

CHESSBOARD MATERIAL & SIZE: Brass / 48x48cm

PACKING: Wooden case with storage

PRICE: €248.00



SKU: SK19 Gold/Silver

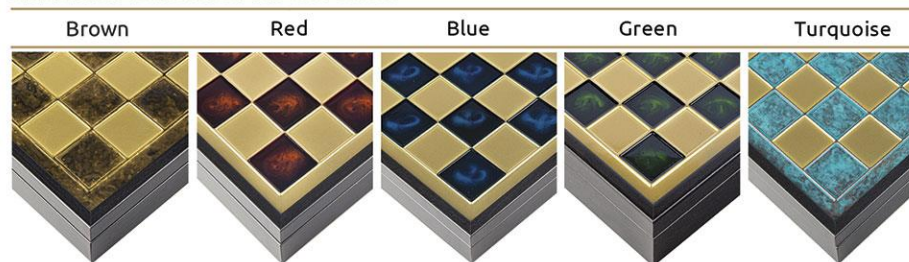


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SKU: SK19C Gold/Brown

AVAILABLE CHESSBOARD COLOURS



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Our Story

1968

George Manopoulos' daily habit was the reason why his son, Costas, realized that games are important in our everyday life. Looking at his father working hard every day and then relaxing by playing backgammon with his friends, he felt that the games would take all the stress away, making his father happy. From a very young age, he understood that games are not only for children...

1970

At the age of 21, while he was studying at the Art University, he created his first chess figures from bronze. This first chess was a project for a young talents exhibition at the University of Athens. The impact the chess set had on him, was so strong that he decided to open a small shop in the center of Athens. He started selling a limited quantity of handcrafted chess and backgammon sets.

1975

Due to the high quality and unique design, more and more gift shop owners were interested in buying his creations. At that time, he decided to establish his own workshop and managed to serve shops that appreciated chess and backgammon of premium craftsmanship.

1985

After a decade of experience in the local gift & toy market, Costas Manopoulos was now ready to expand to new markets and seize new opportunities. By taking part in Spielwarenmesse International Toy Fair in Germany, he introduced his company worldwide. Since 1985, Manopoulos Company successfully attends many international exhibitions every year and constantly serves customers in more than 25 countries in the world.

Maison et Objet - Paris, Toy Fair - Nuremberg, Ambiente - Frankfurt

2000

The next chapter of our proud history was added in 2000. The new Manopoulos factory in Thebes, Viotia, is the completion of a long-term project of technological modernization. By implementing a program of dynamic investments, Manopoulos Company has introduced the most modern technological methods of production and standardization.

TODAY

Our company is ready to materialize the visions of the next generation of the family. Extensions and modernization investments are continuous, having as an aim to meet and expand the needs for new products. Today, Manopoulos SA is a modern integrated manufacturing unit producing historical metal chess and traditional, handmade backgammon sets with a significant exporting activity worldwide.

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