

Interior Images of Hillwood's Russian Imperial Fabergé Eggs

Below are photographs of the interiors of Hillwood's two Imperial Fabergé eggs. Please note that these images are provided for study purposes only and are not intended for public use.

Catherine the Great Egg (11.81.1-2)

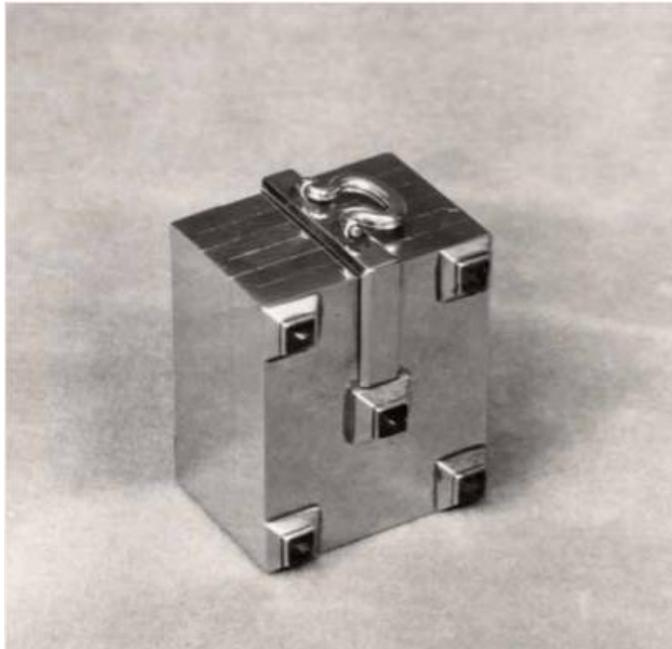
The online object database describes the interior of the Catherine the Great Egg as follows: "The inside of the cover is engraved with a guilloché basket-weave pattern arranged in concentric circles."

The stand for the Catherine the Great Egg was commissioned by Marjorie Post in 1940. The online database describes it as follows: "Made of four-color gold, the stand has four legs terminating in lion's feet, with crossed arrows connecting the legs. This stand is not original to the piece. The original stand is missing."



Twelve Monogram Egg (11.63)

The online object database describes the interior of the Twelve Monogram Egg as follows: "The interior is lined with ivory satin."



Through research, Hillwood identified the surprise that would originally have been included in the Twelve Monogram Egg. Using the deminisions published in A. Kenneth Snowman's book on Fabergé, Hillwood staff created an exactsized Lego replica of the surprise. As noted in *Fabergé Rediscovered* (p. 161), "Hillwood's staff tested the replica in the egg. It fit so perfectly that it was barely able to move within the confines, the corners precisely matching four marks on the velvet lining along the interior." The whereabouts of the surprise is unknown.

Additional Images

Several resources offer detailed photography of Hillwood's Imperial Easter eggs:

- Hillwood's Mobile Audio Tour
Download [the mobile audio tour](#) to view additional images and information. Stop #361, *Imperial Easter Eggs by Fabergé*, includes four photographs of the two eggs. Select "Additional Content" to access two related stops featuring further images and commentary:
 - *Twelve Monogram Egg's Surprise* (three photos)
 - *Opening the Imperial Easter Eggs* (four photos)
- Hillwood's Collection Database
The [online collection database](#) provides high-resolution images and object descriptions for:
 - [Catherine the Great Easter Egg](#)
 - [Twelve Monogram Egg](#)