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Illuminated manuscript. An illuminated manuscript is a manuscript in which the text is supplemented with such decoration as initials, borders (marginalia) and miniature illustrations. In the strictest definition, the term refers only to manuscripts decorated with gold or silver; but in both common usage and modern scholarship,...The Book of Kells is frequently viewed as the most famous illuminated manuscript of any era and the most significant contribution to medieval art. It was elaborately designed from cover to cover, with enormous letters, painstakingly detailed ornamentation, fine and crisp writing, and an abundance of intricate decorations. Consisting mainly of the four Gospels, it was created in the so-called Hiberno-Saxon style, which blended curved motifs, ornate initials, and bright coloring. The Book of Kells (c. 800 CE) – Created either at Iona Abbey, Scotland, and brought to Kells, Ireland, in 806 CE or made at Kells, this is the most famous illuminated manuscript. The work is commonly regarded as the greatest illuminated manuscript of any era. Entomologist and palaeographer J.O. Westwood comments: Illuminated manuscript, 1200-1250 (made). Leaf from a choir-book with historiated initial A depicting the Virgin and child adored by an Angel with a censer and three nuns dressed in white; Southern Netherlands; 1200-50.. Museum Number 247:1.