

The Designing and Mapmaking of the Image - Silk Map of Guangzhou

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Abstract. In ancient, silk which is soft, smooth, and as shining as pearl, was so expensive that only aristocracy could afford it. Silk has become taken as an elegant material for many years. Before paper was invented, people had written on silk to transfer information for many years. Because silk is light, waterproof, and can be folded again and again, silk is more useful than paper in some situation. Silk maps are different from paper maps, and are more artistic and useful. However, since silk is a special material, difference between silk and paper should be taken into consideration. To make maps more complicated, we needed to add the image of Guangzhou (a city of China) to this silk map this time. In this paper, we take the image -silk map of Guangzhou as an example, and discuss the designing and mapmaking of image -silk map.

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