



# Around The World

## 2011 Israeli Box Set

We don't often see Israeli sets...of anything... so this is a welcome surprise. Of course, my Hebrew is a little rusty, so I have absolutely no idea what the text says, but, looking at the pictures, I'd have to guess that this set features so some sort of textile patterns.

You probably can't tell with black & white photos, but each picture seems to be a different cloth pattern, so perhaps this is a set issued by a textile manufacturer or even the Israeli textile industry in general.

These are all courtesy of Hans Everink, Netherlands He has the five shown here, but he's not certain this is the entire set, so there might be more.

The Nur Match Factory was Israel's only manufacturer. It was started by the Weizmann brothers in 1924, but the plant was closed in the

late 1960s, and production was transferred to the new Haifa factory. However, that plant was also later closed. In 1997, the machinery was finally sold to Brasilia. As far as I know, Israel now has no domestic production.

Thus, these boxes are probably foreign-made, from India, Pakistan, or Indonesia.

