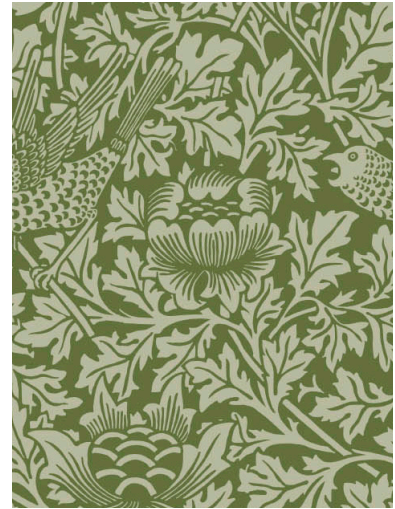


Willam Morris collection 2024



“I determined to do no less than to transform the world with beauty.” William Morris

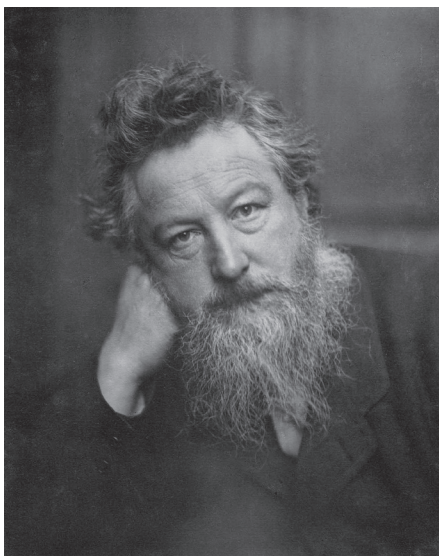


Willam Morris

William Morris (1834 - 1896) was an artist, a craftsman, poet, scholar, and a revolutionary thinker.

Today, he may be best known for his wallpaper and textile patterns, but his work transformed Victorian England's view on craftsmanship, design and fashion.

Morris became one of the most influential figures in the Arts and Crafts movement. He began experimenting with various crafts and designing furniture and interiors. He was personally involved in manufacture as well as design, which was the hallmark of the movement that advocated individuality and know-how over the mass production and uniformity of the industrialism.



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The William Morris Society

The William Morris Society, established in 1955, is a cultural institution dedicated to safeguarding and preserving the heritage of William Morris, and to make his work available for future generations.

The Society operates from its museum in London, located in Morris's home in Hammersmith. The collections contain Morris's original works, manuscripts, and his personal artifacts.

The archive also includes works by his daughter, artisan and embroidery designer May Morris, as well as originals by John Henry Dearle, Morris's assistant and later associate.

The foundation is actively engaging in educational initiatives. It promotes awareness of Morris's contributions to art, design, and social reform and to ensure the enduring impact of the Arts and Crafts movement. It also serves museums around the world for Morris's works to be exhibited for all to enjoy.



Strawberry Thief

Blue

Strawberry Thief, designed by William Morris in 1883. Featuring pairs of charmingly mischievous birds nestled amongst glorious foliage and flowers, Strawberry Thief became one of Morris's most commercially successful repeating patterns. As with all of Morris's designs, there is a story behind the pattern. The inspiration for this pattern came to Morris whilst at his garden at Kelmscott Manor, his beloved country home in Oxfordshire. Morris came across thrushes stealing fruit from his kitchen garden, providing him with an ideal subject for his next design. This splendidly colourful textile continues to be one of Morris's most popular patterns and is arguably his most recognisable design.



Strawberry Thief, Blue
Designer: William Morris
Swedish Dishcloth
70% cellulose / 30% cotton
172x200 mm

Strawberry Thief, Blue
Designer: William Morris
Kitchen towel
50% cotton / 50% linen
50x70 cm



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Willow Bough

Beige/Green

Willow Bough, designed by William Morris in 1887. A naturalistic treatment of one of Morris's favourite themes, Willow Bough is a strong example of Morris's close relationship with the landscapes around him. His daughter May wrote of it: 'We were walking one day by our little stream that runs into the Thames, and my Father pointed out the detail and variety in the leaf-forms, and soon afterwards this paper was done, a keenly-observed rendering of our willows that has embowered many a London living-room.' Willow Bough remains as popular today as it was in Morris's own time and is a truly iconic William Morris pattern.



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"Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful."

Acanthus

Dark Turquoise

Foliage pattern of intertwined acanthus leaves in shades of turquoise, by William Morris in 1875.

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*“Give me love and work
—these two only.”*

Bird & Anemone

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“The true artist is the one who teaches us to see the world anew.”

Sunflower

Blue/Beige

Sunflower, designed by William Morris in 1879 Sunflower is a beautiful symmetrical pattern featuring central sunflowers with abundant grapevines and glorious curling leaves. Sunflowers were among Morris's favourite plants and featured in several of his own gardens including Red House, in Bexleyheath, Kent. Sunflowers appear in Morris's designs, prose and lectures. In his famous lecture Making the Best of It (1880) Morris wrote of the Sunflower: '... though a late comer to our gardens, [the sunflower] is by no means to be despised, since it will grow anywhere, and is both interesting and beautiful, with its sharply chiselled yellow florets relieved by the quaintly patterned sad-coloured centre clogged with honey and beset with bees and butterflies'.



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"So long as I have work to do which I am content to do, so long shall I live."

Sunflower

Yellow/White

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*“Let some word reach my ears
and touch my heart”*

Arcadia

Blue/Beige

Arcadia, designed by May Morris in 1886 May Morris, William's younger daughter, produced three wallpapers for Morris & Company in the mid-1880's. The other two are Honeysuckle, 1883, and Horn Poppy, 1885. The flowing meander of Arcadia has a fibrous quality to its motifs. That characteristic makes it stand out from works by William Morris and other Morris & Company designers. Arcadia was May's final wallpaper before she concentrated her efforts on managing the embroidery department of Morris & Company when she was just twenty-three years old.



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Oak Tree

Yellow

This beautiful William Morris pattern showcases the traditional English oak tree, with bountiful acorns interspersed with oak leaves. William Morris became one of the most influential figures in the Arts and Crafts movement. He began experimenting with various crafts and designing furniture and interiors. He was personally involved in manufacture as well as design, which was the hallmark of the movement that advocated individuality and know-how over the mass production and uniformity of the industrialism.



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Oak Tree, Yellow
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Kitchen towel
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50x70 cm



"The true secret of happiness lies in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life."

Pink & Poppy

Green

Pink & Poppy, designed by William Morris in 1880. In this pattern the fragile, curling petals of the poppy flowers droop downwards, while the marigolds, with their frilly petals, and the pinks, seen in profile, lift the pattern upwards. The 'pink' of the title is a type of flower, part of the Dianthus genus. Veining and dotting, printed by pins hammered into the blocks, give movement to this gorgeous, eye-catching pattern.



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*"The reward of labour is life.
Is that not enough?"*

Acorn

Turquoise

A monochrome pattern of acorns and leaves, designed by William Morris in 1879. William Morris became one of the most influential figures in the Arts and Crafts movement. He began experimenting with various crafts and designing furniture and interiors. He was personally involved in manufacture as well as design, which was the hallmark of the movement that advocated individuality and know-how over the mass production and uniformity of the industrialism.



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