

William Morris

L.O: To learn some facts about William Morris - Artist, designer, author, poet and more

To recognise some of William Morris' most famous designs

Who Was William Morris?



William Morris was born on 24th March, 1834.

He was the son of a wealthy business man.

He became a poet, artist and manufacturer.

He had lots of friends who were writers, poets and artists.

His career in designing started when he decorated his own house in London.

He is most famous for his wallpaper and fabric designs.

William Morris died in 1896.



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He made patterned wallpaper...



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He made tapestries. These are pictures made by sewing.



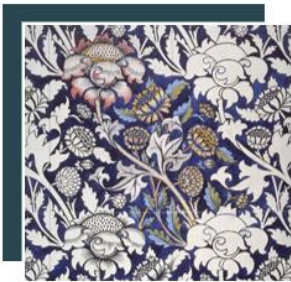
William Morris – The Style

William Morris is very famous for his wallpaper designs. He created some beautiful designs, the likes of which had never been used before. In fact, wallpaper before his day was quite plain.



When William Morris was young, he enjoyed walking in nearby Epping Forest and studying the trees, flowers, birds and other wildlife.

He used these as the inspiration for many of his pictures and designs. Many people in Victorian times lived in big towns and cities so they didn't have much chance to see nature. They loved his designs.



William Morris created designs of floral patterns (patterns inspired by flowers and plants) which were repeated many times by block printing.



These are some of his famous designs that are still used today. You may have seen them used on notebooks, bags or even curtains and wallpaper.

"Tulip and Willow" 1873



"Trellis" 1876

"Daisy" 1864



"African Marigold" 1876



"Strawberry Thief" 1883

