Wallpaper - Pimpernel

Object: Wallpaper

Place of origin: England (made)

Date: 1876 (registered)

Artist/Maker: Morris, William, born 1834 - died 1896 (designer)
Morris & Co. (publisher)
Jeffrey & Co. (printer)

Materials and Techniques: block-printed, by hand, in distemper colours, on paper

Credit Line: Given by Morris and Company

Museum number: E.498-1919

Gallery location: Prints & Drawings Study Room, level C, case DW, shelf 57, box A

Descriptive line
Specimen of 'Pimpernel' wallpaper, an almost symmetrical pattern of entwined pale-green foliage and pimpernel plants with small yellow flowers; Block-printed, by hand, in distemper colours, on paper; Designed by William Morris; Design registered 1876; Printed by Jeffery & Co. for Morris & Co.; Part of 'Volume 1', a pattern book containing 25 Morris & Co. patterns from 1862-81 (E.441-529-1919); England; 1876.

Physical description
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Dimensions
Height: 68.5 cm size of volume, Width: 53.3 cm size of volume

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Object history note
This pattern was hung in the dining room at Kelmscott House (the London home of William Morris).

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