



VENETIAN
DAMASK

fabrics & papers



C H E L S E A
T E X T I L E S

A collection of fabrics and wallpapers
designed by

Patrick Kinmonth
for
C H E L S E A T E X T I L E S

inspired by the traditions of
printed papers & woven silk damask
in Venice





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Patrick Kinmonth first went to Venice in 1975.

On that first visit he went to the Palazzo Orfei, once the home and workshop of Mariano Fortuny, which at that time remained as if the maestro had just walked out of the door and turned the key behind him.

His fabrics were everywhere. Even the marks on the wall where he cleaned his brushes survived and piles of drawings and fabric designs lay amongst piles of photographs and abandoned theatrical models.

After many years of designing sets and costumes for the theatre and an artistic life crossing boundaries in fashion and design Patrick has been commissioned to create a collection of fabrics and papers inspired by his Venice memories and the love of the textiles of the eighteenth century.





Venetian Damask is printed in England on three linen grounds across a palette of six colours, each with an associated fine-art wallpaper





FLAXEN



TOMBACCO



CLARET



CINDER BLUE



SEAFOAM



PEWTER



Textiles are woven from the materials of culture, not just from wool and cotton, linen and silk. Damask, named after the city of Damascus where it was made from the middle ages onward, takes shapes derived from nature and abstracted into patterns over hundreds of years, travelling from east to west along the silk road, bringing its exotic garden of idealised plant forms to the finest medieval interiors. Damask is characterised by surface contrasts of light and shade, the pattern integrated into the fabric's warp and weft on the loom. Our Venetian Damask attempts to capture some of the subtle layers of poetry and history of a faded hanging on a palace wall, revealed by sunlight.

- Patrick Kinmonth

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