

## The Printed Square

*Vintage Handkerchief Patterns for Fashion and Design*

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In recent years, vintage handkerchiefs have been an unsung source of inspiration for many of the world's most exciting brands.

The handkerchiefs in this volume have been selected to reflect the magnificent array of printed designs that emerged between the 1920s and 1950s, a particularly innovative period in handkerchief design that produced small squares exploding with colour and pattern.

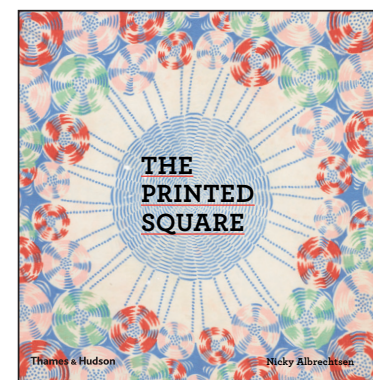
The book comes complete with a short history of the subject; an analysis of the fabrics used; a detailing of the design characteristics of each decade; information on where to find and collect; and advice on conservation, storage and use.

Organized for inspiration into 11 sections by colour, this is a fresh and covetable volume targeted at fashion professionals, designers, or a new young generation in search of old chic in new chic forms.

- A rich source of inspiration for collectors of printed textiles, fashion lovers and designers, and a visual feast for anyone with a passion for pattern.
- Showcases over 200 beautifully designed handkerchiefs from the 1920s to the 1950s.
- Classic shots of icons such as Marlene Dietrich, wearing her signature tailored jacket and chiffon pocket square, provide context and a touch of Hollywood glamour.
- Organized for inspiration into 11 sections by colour.
- Written by an expert in vintage clothing and textiles, Nicky Albrechtsen, who is also the co-author of the acclaimed *Scarves*.

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