



BENNISON



MIX MASTERS

Gilly Newberry worked with legendary antique dealer-decorator Geoffrey Bennison and having been bequeathed a third of his business, she went on to start Bennison Fabrics which specialise in hand-printed fabrics based on 18th and 19th English and French textiles reproduced by Geoffrey.

Geoffrey Bennison defied conventional notions of style. This original mix master knew how to combine the grand with the found, the fine with the shabby for just the right effect. He pioneered the fabric on fabric layered look, using antique textiles with his own fabrics to achieve a complex mix of scale, pattern, and colour.

Bennison adored antique textiles and it was when he couldn't find modern equivalents with the right tonality that he started to print his own. And it was his original list of fabrics from the archives that became the core of the Bennison Fabrics collection today.

The stock room is a feast of fabrics with rolls and rolls of current collections to shelves packed with archives textiles.

Top image: Gillian Newberry in the fabric stock room

Image on the left: Gillian Newberry's beautiful archive collection of late 18th century and early 19th century prints.



Malabar brown, blue on beige oyster in the fabric stock room



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ABOUT

Bennison is an English company which specialises in creating beautiful fabrics and wallpapers that are classic and stylish but with a contemporary expression. Their hand-printed fabrics are based on a small collection of 18th and 19th century English and French textiles originally discovered and reproduced by the late renowned and revered English interior designer, Geoffrey Bennison nearly forty years ago and since then the collection has grown to over three hundred designs with around two thousand different colourways. Each are in original colourways with customisation available.

Bennison designs are printed in small batches in England on linens and silks woven and dyed exclusively for them. Bennison Fabrics are sourced and seen at their shops in London and New York City and have representatives in major cities across the USA.

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