



Hembus

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## HEMBUS – MASTERFUL WALLPAPER ART SINCE 1894

### History – A Living Heritage

For more than 130 years, the wallpaper manufactory Hembus has stood for an exceptional interplay of artistic vision, master craftsmanship and a commitment to preserving cultural heritage. What began in 1894 in Kronberg quickly developed into one of the most renowned addresses for sophisticated wall design. Jacob Hembus, court decorative painter and restorer working on behalf of Empress Victoria, played a decisive role in shaping the early history of the company. His restorations – including the uncovering of the Kümmernis image in the castle chapel of Burg Kronberg – brought him recognition far beyond the region.

Together with his sons Paul and Julius, the next generation stepped forward to continue this legacy. Julius Hembus, in particular, shaped the character of the manufactory. His artistic background and close connection to Ernst Ludwig Kirchner fostered a spirit that inseparably combines artistic sensibility with technical precision. In the 1950s, the legendary screen-printing machine "Julius" was created as a technical masterpiece of its own – engineered by aircraft manufacturer Messerschmitt to faithfully reconstruct the wallpapers of Frankfurt's Goethe House, which had been destroyed during the war. To this day, this machine remains the beating heart of the manufactory.

Over the decades, Hembus has been involved in major restoration projects – from Frankfurt Cathedral and the Alte Oper, Frankfurt's concert hall, to Villa Mumm. Numerous distinctions, including honorary citizenship of the city of Kronberg and the Golden Dürer Plaque, acknowledge the exceptional quality and craftsmanship of the wallpaper manufactory.

Hembus unites tradition and innovation into a unique whole: from detailed reconstructions to modern designs that merge contemporary aesthetics with traditional production techniques. Today, Hembus wallpapers can be found in prestigious locations around the world – from Neuschwanstein Castle to the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Since 2023, Hembus has been part of the Steuernagel & Lampert family. This merger of two heritage companies strengthens the brand's cultural legacy, preserves valuable expertise and opens new paths for future-oriented development.

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## Production – The Art of Traditional Screen Printing

Every single roll from the Hembus wallpaper manufactory is created by hand – using the classic screen-printing process, mastered today by only a few in such perfection. In the historic farmstead in the Odenwald, colour craftsmanship, precision and knowledge passed down through generations come together.

The process begins with an art form in its own right: the hand-drawn negative created with ink, which prepares every subsequent print image. The screen is then exposed, and the final colour application emerges layer by layer – each colour, each pass a precisely balanced moment of experience and intuition.

Whether a simple wallpaper or a design requiring up to 72 passes through the "Julius" machine, the team works like a well-rehearsed ensemble, with every step contributing to the finished result.

## Services and Product Areas – Diversity with Character

With more than 800 historical and contemporary patterns, the Hembus wallpaper manufactory offers extraordinary diversity – a collection ranging from Art Nouveau and Art Deco to modern interpretations. Bold colours meet opulent ornaments, while delicate nuances encounter fine line work. Each wallpaper and each border is a unique piece on fine paper that can be freely combined, opening up endless design possibilities for characterful spaces. In this way, every motif tells its own story and unites traditional craftsmanship with contemporary design – for interiors that combine personality and high standards.

## Reconstructions

For decades, Hembus has stood for heritage-compliant reconstructions at the highest level. Historical originals are meticulously reworked with the utmost precision – a field that brings together deeply rooted art-historical knowledge and master craftsmanship.

## Bespoke Creations

For projects with special requirements, Hembus offers bespoke solutions such as individual colour variations, client-specific pattern development, and exclusive special editions created in collaboration with artists and designers. In this way, Hembus combines art, craftsmanship and modern design to create unique wall coverings – made for places with character.

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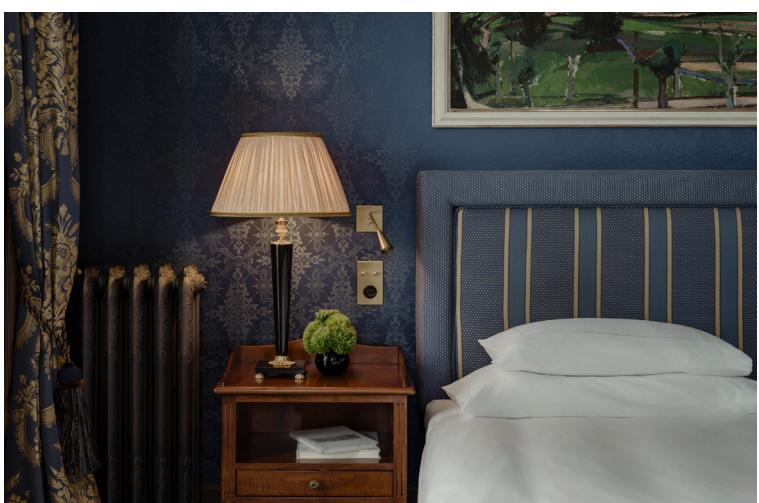
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