## MINI PROJECT 9 NOUVEAU

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Stitch a pretty cross stitch design to celebrate summer!

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## What was Art Nouveau?

Art Nouveau was an ornamental style of art that flourished between about 1890 and 1910 throughout Europe and the United States. Art Nouveau is characterized by its use of fluid designs and was used in architecture, interior design, textiles, jewellery and glass design, posters, and illustration.

Many of the names are familiar. Charles Rennie Mackintosh, who specialized in a geometric style, the glassmaker Louis Comfort Tiffany; the French furniture and ironwork designer Louis Majorelle; the graphic designer-artist Alphonse Mucha; the French glass and jewellery designer René Lalique; the American architect Louis Henry Sullivan, who used plant like Art Nouveau ironwork to decorate his buildings; and the Spanish architect and sculptor Antonio Gaudí.
William Morris (1834-1896) was a British textile designer, poet, novelist, translator, and socialist activist associated with the British Arts and Crafts Movement. His work is inspirational and has been a great influence on my thinking.

Nouveau


Backstitch Lines:
DMC-718 plum
DMC-550 violet - vy dk

Material: Zweigart 28 count evenweave or 14 count Aida
Needle No 24 tapestry needle.
Small ring or frame
Stitches: Back stitch, one strand Cross stitch, two strands

## Method:

1. Fold the fabric into quarters to find the centre point.
2. Start from the centre of the design using TWO strands of floss for the cross stitch. Outline the flowers, leaves and stems after the cross stitch has been worked for a neater finish.
3. Place the finished embroidery face down on a soft towel and press lightly. Enjoy!

I hope you enjoy stitching this design as much as I have enjoyed creating it.
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William Morris design for Trellis wallpaper 1862



Legend:
$\square \square$ DMC-718 $\quad \square$ DMC-550 $\square \square$ DMC-501 $\boldsymbol{*} \square$ DMC-503
Backstitches:
_ DMC-718
_—— DMC-550

