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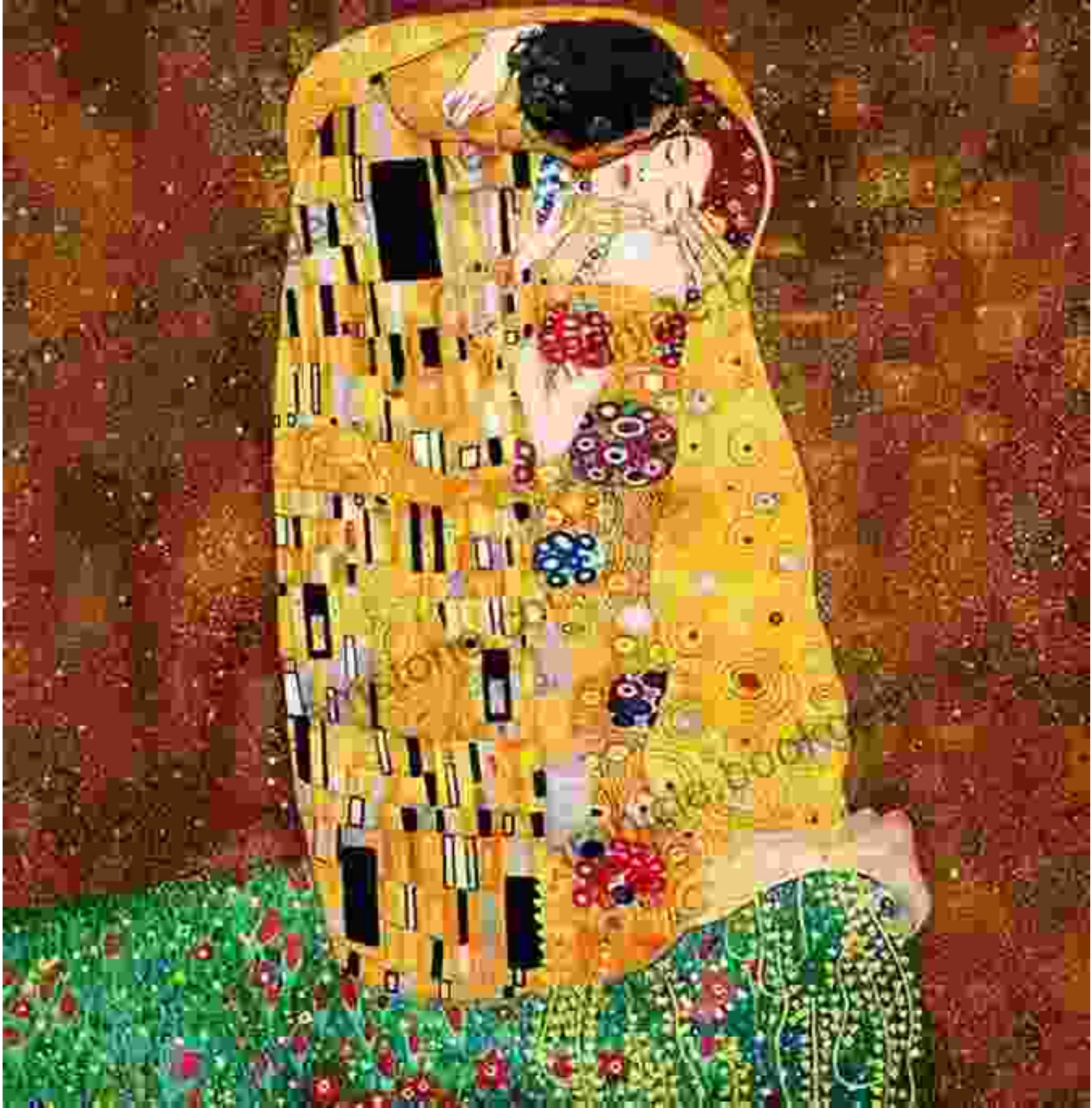


The turn of the 20th century witnessed a remarkable cultural and artistic explosion in Vienna, Austria. The city became a vibrant hub of creativity, where artists, architects, and designers challenged traditional norms and embraced new ideas. This period, known as the Viennese Secession, gave birth to a wealth of stunning designs and patterns that continue to captivate and inspire today.



## **The Influence of Art Nouveau**

The Viennese Secession was heavily influenced by the international Art Nouveau movement, which emphasized organic forms, flowing lines, and intricate ornamentation. Viennese artists and designers incorporated these elements into their work, while also adding their own unique touches.



Gustav Klimt's iconic work, "The Kiss," exemplifies the opulent and sensual style of Viennese Art Nouveau.

### **Key Artists and Designers**

A number of talented artists and designers played a pivotal role in shaping the distinctive aesthetic of Turn of the Century Viennese design. Among the

most notable figures were:

- **Gustav Klimt:** Klimt is renowned for his elaborate and sensual paintings, which often featured opulent gold leaf and intricate patterns.
- **Egon Schiele:** Schiele's expressive and distorted figures captured the emotional intensity and psychological complexities of the human condition.
- **Josef Hoffmann:** Hoffmann was an influential architect and designer who co-founded the Wiener Werkstatte, a collective of artists and craftsmen dedicated to producing high-quality decorative arts.
- **Koloman Moser:** Moser was a graphic designer, painter, and one of the founding members of the Vienna Secession.

## **The Wiener Werkstatte**

The Wiener Werkstatte, founded in 1903, was a groundbreaking collective of artists and craftsmen who aimed to create a Gesamtkunstwerk, a total work of art that encompassed furniture, textiles, metalwork, jewelry, and more. The Werkstatte's designs were characterized by their simplicity, elegance, and attention to detail.

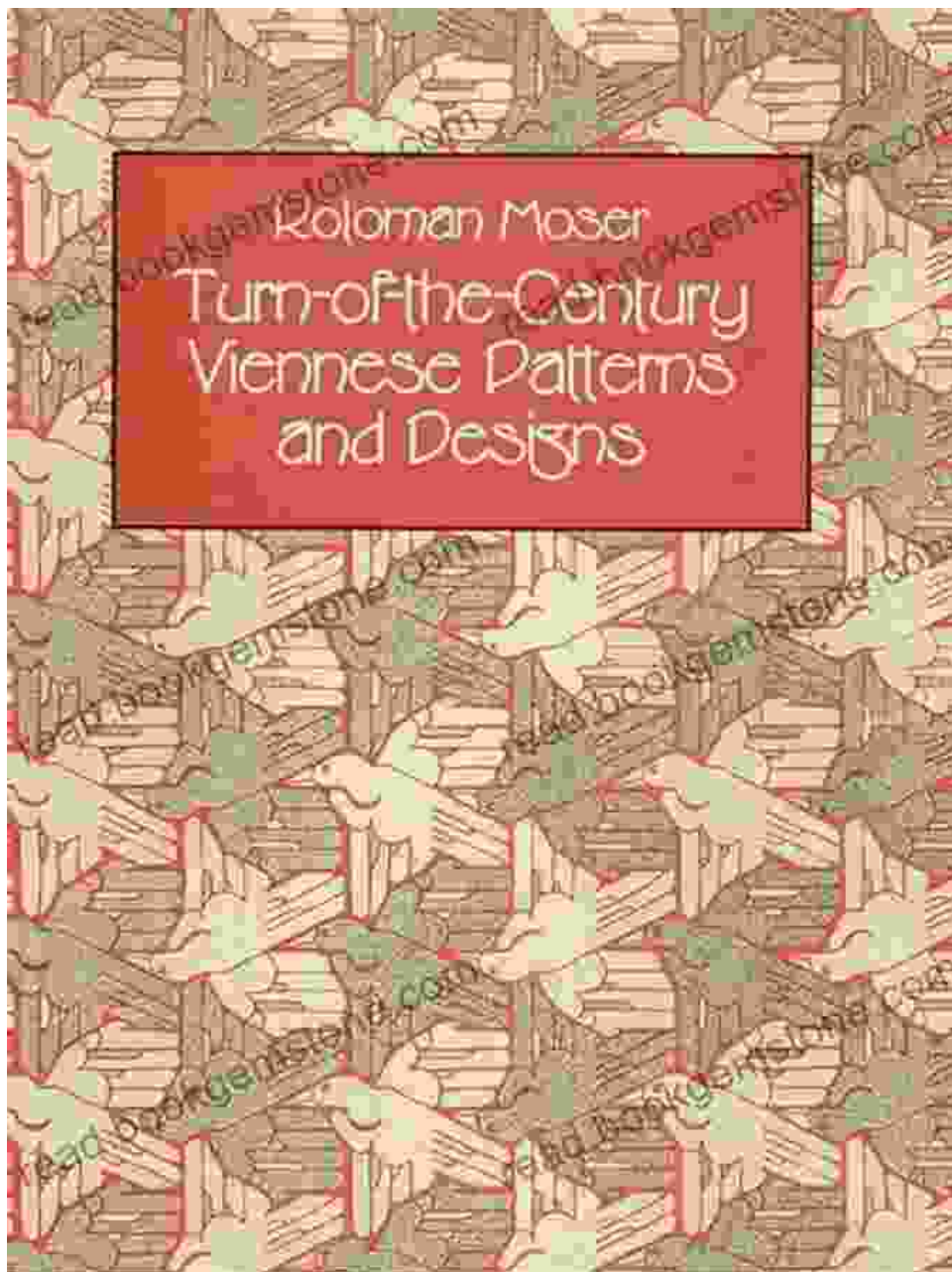


### **Influence on Other Art Forms**

The influence of Turn of the Century Viennese Patterns and Designs extended beyond architecture and decorative arts. It also made its mark on fashion, jewelry, and graphic design. The sinuous lines and decorative motifs of the Secession can be seen in clothing, jewelry, and posters of the period.

## A Dover Pictorial Archive

Dover Publications has compiled a comprehensive collection of Turn of the Century Viennese Patterns and Designs in their Dover Pictorial Archive series. This invaluable resource contains over 1,100 images from various sources, including the archives of the Wiener Werkstatte and the Museum of Applied Arts in Vienna.





The Dover Pictorial Archive provides a rich source of inspiration for designers, artists, and anyone interested in the history of art and design.

Turn of the Century Viennese Patterns and Designs represent a vibrant and influential chapter in the history of art and design. Their intricate beauty and enduring appeal continue to inspire and captivate. The Dover Pictorial Archive offers a comprehensive and easily accessible collection of these stunning designs, making them available for study, inspiration, and enjoyment.



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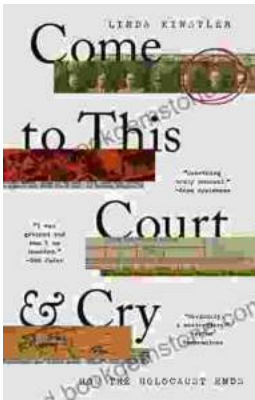
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