

Pre and Post Lesson Activity Ideas

TOPICS

PATTERNS AND PRINTS

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Pre Lesson Activity Ideas

Introduction

Discuss patterns and prints, what they are and how they are made.

Activity 1

Children to bring in examples of patterns and prints from home. Find examples in school/class.

Activity 2

Look at tessellation, draw geometric shapes and create patterns horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Experiment with mirror images of simple shapes and motifs.

Activity 3

Look at silhouettes and create simple ones to make into a pattern.

Post Lesson Activity Ideas

Introduction

Discuss the Rosemoor visit and what they learned about patterns and the work of Gaudi, Escher and Morris.

Activity 1

Look again at the patterns created at Rosemoor, adapt/change and complete them. Try colouring their patterns in different colourways to create different effects. Make a storyboard of how they made their pattern and what gave them their inspiration.

Activity 2

What could their design be used for ? Draw the product to incorporate the pattern.

Activity 3

Using their ideas from Rosemoor, draw a motif and make it into a printing block using string stuck onto card, or lino cuts. Print a sheet of patterned paper using the block. Experiment with different colourways. For the advanced they can make a motif made of a number of printing blocks so it has more than one colour in it! Difficulty lining each print block up.

Websites:

- www.walthamforest.gov.uk/index/leisure/museums-galleries/william-morris.htm - William Morris Gallery website, downloadable resources available soon.
- www.rammworldculturesonline.org.uk/Projects/Bosence/Dyeing--Block-Printing-Workshops/Make/ - ideas on block printing
- www.plantcultures.org/schools/schools_textiles_blockprint.html - ideas on block printing