

Key Learning Autumn 1 2023

To identify and talk about different forms of Islamic art and create our own geometric pattern and clay tile based on traditional patterns and techniques

Islamic Art Internet lesson plan :

Lesson 1 Islamic Geometric patterns and colours

Lesson 2 : Designing own tile

Lesson 3 Making clay tile

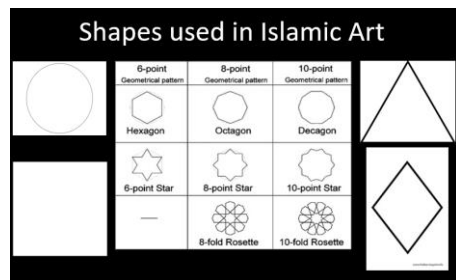
Lesson 4 Painting tile

Lesson 5 Glazing tile

Unlike other religious faiths, Islamic art tended to be without holy images. Visual symbols were avoided.

Islamic artists for this reason expressed their creativity through - plants, calligraphy and geometrical patterns.

Abstract designs cover surfaces of Islamic architecture and have been used for decorating objects.

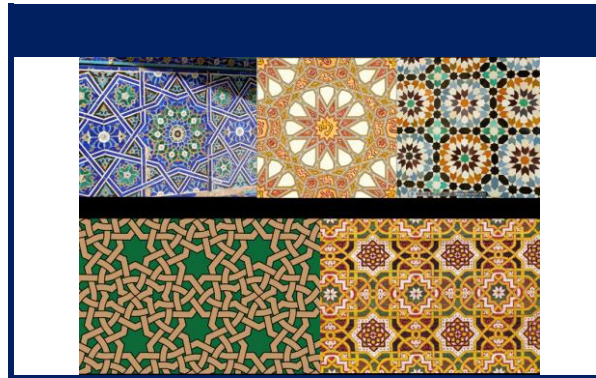


Using just one shape you can create a completely different pattern that actually creates other shapes within it.

Year 6 – Islamic Art



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Forms of Islamic Art Vegetal Patterns

These semi-natural patterns used in early Islamic art decorated buildings, textiles, pottery and manuscripts. The patterns are based on plants and flowers found in the natural world.

Islamic Vegetal patterns feature Arabesque (meaning 'in the Arab fashion' in French) patterns consisting of foliage and flowers in a linear pattern.

Forms of Islamic Art Calligraphy

Calligraphy, which is a form of artistic writing, allowed early Islamic artists to communicate a text in a decorative form. Calligraphy in the early Islamic civilisation was used to decorate many different items including manuscripts, clothing, pottery, buildings and armour. The photo on the right shows a page from the Qur'an, which is written using calligraphy.

Key Vocabulary

Calligraphy

Vegetal patterns

Geometric art

Abstract

Pottery

Repeated pattern

Overlapping

The art of producing beautiful writing, often created with a special pen or brush

Semi-natural patterns based on plants and flowers found in the natural world

A geometric pattern or arrangement made up of shapes such as squares, triangles, or rectangles

Simplifying and ordering natural objects

The activity or skill of making clay objects by hand

Where a group of elements or shapes repeat themselves

to cover something partly by going over its edge; to cover part of the same space:

So circles can create stars, triangles and hexagons.

Squares can create diamonds and stars with those diamonds.

Hexagons can create a honeycomb and rectangles.

Clay - Use a wide range of techniques to join, combine and shape clay. Apply a range of techniques to the surface of clay, e.g. spraying, stippling and sponging, etc.

Forms of Islamic Art Geometric Patterns

Geometric patterns were very popular in the early Islamic civilisation and they decorated everything from clothing to mosques. Geometric patterns could be used on their own or combined with calligraphy or vegetal patterns to form more complex artwork.

Geometric patterns consist of repeating, interlaced or overlapped shapes arranged in complex, intricate patterns.



Did you know?

- Islamic art has been around for more than 1000 years.
- Islamic art might come from Spain, North Africa, the Middle East, Turkey, Iran, Central Asia, or the Asian subcontinent.
- The Islamic world inspired non-Islamic artists such as the French artist Eugène Delacroix, the Austrian painter Ludwig Deutsch and John Frederick Lewis RA, the English painter.