

Discovery session: Investigating Pattern

A gallery based session led by V&A museum educators



Strawberry Thief, William Morris, 1883 © Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Key Stage:

KS2

Galleries visited

- Islamic Middle East, Room 42, Level 1
- Britain, Rooms 122 – 123, Level 4

Topics and themes:

- Pattern in different cultures
- Art & Design, History, Maths

Summary:

Discover incredible patterns from around the world, including the Islamic Middle East and South Asia. Investigate how patterns are created through repetition, symmetry and tessellation and spot different pattern types throughout the museum.

National Curriculum Links: This talk will contribute to learning about:

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- The work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.
- About great artists, architects and designers in history.
- A non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – (one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization)

Follow up activities:

Look for different shapes at the museum, these could be found in the floor designs, building or objects themselves. Make sketches of these to take back to School. Use tracing paper back in the classroom to have a go at building up patterns using your shapes inspired by some of the designers you learnt about. Try repeating them in different ways.

Booking Information:

Available: Monday-Friday

Cost: FREE

Timing: 10.30, 11.45 & 13.00

Capacity: Maximum 30 students per session

Book now: 020 7942 2211