

PATTERN

ONE OF THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF ART

Patterns are tools that help grab your attention.

A pattern in an artwork is created by repeating or echoing the visual elements (such as line, shape, color, form, texture) in a recurring arrangement.



PATTERNS HELP CREATE VISUAL RHYTHM IN AN ARTWORK. Sometimes patterns are regular, repeating, and geometric (like a checkerboard or a sidewalk made of bricks) and sometimes they are more irregular, natural, and organic (like leaves on a tree or shells on a beach). How an artist chooses to use a pattern can affect how you feel when you look at his or her work. For example, pattern can make you feel calm or excited. Patterns may be the entire focus of the art, a technique in the overall composition, or a decoration that is part of the larger work.

There are two basic types of pattern: **MAN-MADE or NATURAL**

Both can be:

Regular or Irregular

Organic or Geometric

Structural or Decorative

Positive or Negative

Repeating or Random

In this worksheet you'll find examples of several types of patterns along with word games to help you become familiar with common terms. Have fun exploring your home, school, and neighborhood to find other man-made and natural items that repeat in the form of a pattern!

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DID YOU KNOW?

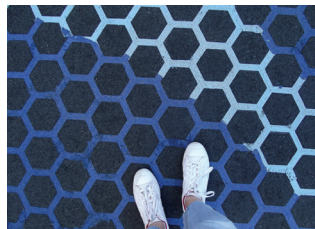
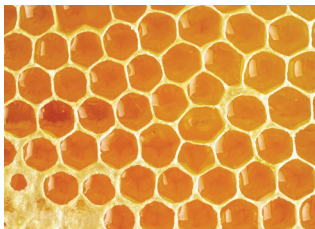
The human brain is able to recognize patterns by sight, sound, and smell, this allows our brains to take in and quickly understand our environment.



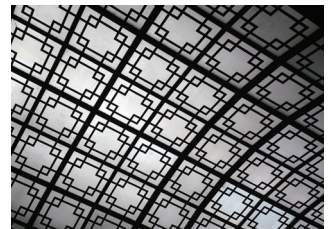
Man-Made or Natural



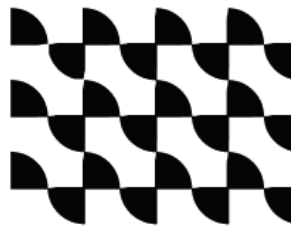
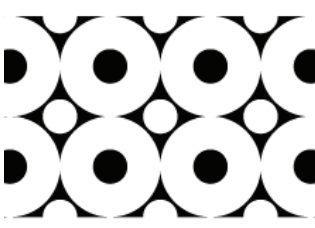
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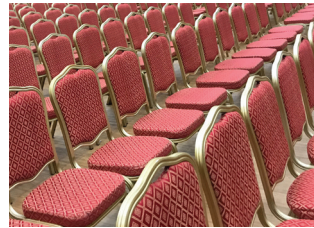
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WORD SEARCH

Look up and down and across to find these 18 PATTERN words:

BOLD	MAN-MADE	PATTERN	REGULAR	SUBTLE
DECORATIVE	NATURAL	POSITIVE	REPEATING	TECHNIQUE
GEOMETRIC	NEGATIVE	RANDOM	RHYTHM	
IRREGULAR	ORGANIC	RECURRING	STRUCTURAL	

P	Z	L	B	N	I	K	T	B	H	O	O	Q	G	X	K	B
L	F	P	A	T	T	E	R	N	N	V	P	R	R	T	W	X
G	S	T	R	U	C	T	U	R	A	L	Z	S	E	A	V	N
Q	A	J	O	W	C	H	J	A	E	D	G	B	C	A	S	T
Y	T	Z	H	L	V	G	G	N	L	D	D	W	U	G	A	E
M	Z	I	V	X	W	B	E	F	I	X	E	G	R	D	W	C
Y	D	F	R	E	G	U	L	A	R	W	C	E	R	U	V	H
F	M	C	R	P	E	K	D	N	W	Y	O	O	I	M	F	N
R	A	N	E	G	A	T	I	V	E	H	R	M	N	B	G	I
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G	K	E	C	S	U	B	T	L	E	X	N	X	V	O	T	V

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to unscramble these 18 PATTERN words:

1. DLBO _____
2. VTREEIADOC _____
3. TEMCEOIRG _____
4. RGIUARLER _____
5. DMEM-ANA _____
6. TANLRUA _____
7. NGVEIATE _____
8. ONIRGCA _____
9. TAETNRP _____
10. IPEOITVS _____
11. AMONDR _____
12. RCUGNIRRE _____
13. RRUGAEL _____
14. ANGERTPIE _____
15. MTHYHR _____
16. UURTRCLSA _____
17. ELBSUT _____
18. NECTIEHQU _____

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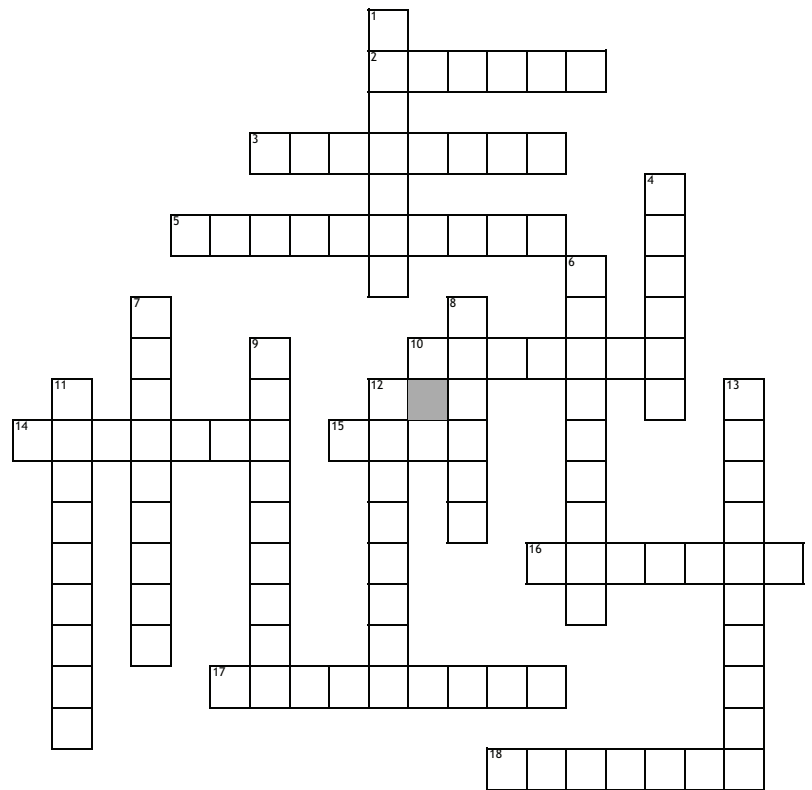
CROSSWORD

Across

2. the movement or the visual flow within a certain piece
3. characterized by the absence rather than the presence of distinguishing features
5. the recurrence of a particular line, pattern, shape or other visual element in a single work or a series of works
10. not made or caused by humankind
14. shapes contain the same amount of space between them
15. having a strong or vivid appearance
16. an element (or set of elements) that is repeated in a piece of work or an associated set of works
17. characterized by regular lines and shapes
18. manufactured, created, or constructed by human beings

Down

1. a living form
4. fine or delicate in meaning or intent
6. not even or balanced in shape or arrangement
7. occurring or appearing again
8. cannot be predicted
9. the arrangement and mutual relation of the part of the body, object or composition
11. method of achieving something or carrying something out, especially one requiring some skill or knowledge
12. the area or part of an artwork's composition that the subject occupies
13. serving to make something look more attractive



Word Bank

Bold	Decorative	Geometric
Irregular	Man-made	Natural
Negative	Organic	Pattern
Positive	Random	Recurring
Regular	Repetition	Rhythm
Structure	Subtle	Technique

Answer Key: 1. Organic; 2. Rhythm; 3. Negative; 4. Subtle; 5. Repetition; 6. Irregular; 7. Recurring; 8. Random; 9. Structure; 10. Natural; 11. Technique; 12. Positive; 13. Decorative; 14. Regular; 15. Bold; 16. Pattern; 17. Geometric; 18. ManMade