Zara’s Festive Pattern Workshop

Learning objective: To use pattern, shape, and symmetry to create a detailed Christmas-themed drawing.

Follow the steps below to create your own festive artwork. Use a pencil for your initial sketch and then add colour using your preferred media. Focus on repeating patterns and geometric shapes to decorate your scene.

Draw: Create a detailed festive scene featuring a central Christmas tree. Style your drawing using bold, geometric patterns inspired by Zara the zebra. Include: a symmetrical tree, three unique baubles with different textures, a gift box with a repeating pattern, and a starry night sky background. Use pencils for shading and bright colours for the decorations.

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Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, symmetrical Christmas tree in the centre of your page. How can you ensure the left side is a mirror image of the right side?
2. Step 2: Add at least three different geometric patterns (such as zig-zags, spots, or stripes) onto the branches. Why do repeating patterns make a design look more interesting?
3. Step 3: Draw a bauble hanging from a branch. Label the 'highlight' where light reflects on the glass and the 'shadow' where it is darkest.

4. Step 4: Design a patterned gift box to place at the base of the tree. What shapes will you use to make it look festive?

5. Step 5: Look at your drawing. Describe one area where you have used 'contrast' to make your colours pop.