

Zara's Autumnal Art Gallery: Halloween Design

Learning objective: To explore colour theory and composition by creating an original Halloween-themed artwork, using contrast and pattern.

Zara the zebra loves finding patterns in nature! Use this template to plan your own Halloween-themed art piece. Think about how you can use warm colours like orange and red alongside cool, dark colours to create a spooky atmosphere. Describe your ideas clearly so you can bring them to life on your canvas.

Word bank: Contrast · Silhouette · Texture · Foreground · Background · Shade · Atmosphere · Composition

1. Concept and Mood: What is the main subject of your art? Describe the mood you want to create (e.g., mysterious, magical, or spooky) and explain why. (3 marks)

2. Colour Palette: Which colours will you choose for your foreground and your background? How will these colours contrast with each other? (2 marks)

3. Pattern and Texture: Zara loves patterns! Describe at least two patterns or textures you will include in your piece (e.g., jagged lines for a fence, or dots for a starry sky). (3 marks)

4. Technique: What art materials will you use to create your work (e.g., watercolours, charcoal, oil pastels)? Why are these the best tools for your design? (2 marks)

5. Reflective Title: Give your masterpiece a creative title. How does this title help the viewer understand your artwork? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try creating two small thumbnail sketches at the bottom of your page: one using only warm colours and one using only cool colours. How does the 'feeling' of the picture change?