

Zara's Festive Art Workshop

Get creative this Christmas with patterns, texture, and light!

- **Symmetry** means that if you fold a design in half, both sides match perfectly. Try creating a symmetrical star or bauble shape.
- Christmas colors often use high contrast. Pairing red with green or gold with deep blue makes your artwork pop!
- **Texture** adds life to your art. Use cotton wool for snowy hills, or glitter for twinkling stars to make your work tactile.
- **Silhouettes** are powerful images. By drawing a dark shape against a bright, colorful background, you can create a striking winter night scene.
- **Repeating patterns**, like zig-zags or stripes, help draw the eye across the page and create a festive rhythm in your drawings.

Did you know? Did you know? The tradition of using paper snowflakes as decorations comes from the idea of radial symmetry. Because no two snowflakes are ever exactly the same, artists use folding and cutting techniques to create unique, balanced patterns that look just like the real thing!

Key vocabulary: Symmetry · Complementary colors · Texture · Pattern · Silhouette · Contrast