

Year 5 Art Assessment: Festive Traditions and Creative Design

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of colour theory, pattern, and decorative techniques within the context of seasonal art.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of art vocabulary and techniques to provide detailed answers. Ensure your writing is clear and legible.

Zara the zebra is busy in her studio preparing for the winter celebration. She is using a mix of traditional and modern techniques to create decorations. She is experimenting with how different shades of red and green look against a metallic gold background, and she is carefully crafting paper snowflakes that rely on perfect balance and precision. Zara wants her art to represent the joy and warmth of the season through careful composition and the use of varied materials.

Word bank: complementary · symmetry · texture · warm colours · cool colours · repetitive pattern · contrast · opacity

1. Zara is using red and green in her artwork. Explain why these are often considered a classic example of 'contrast' in colour theory. (2 marks)

2. Define the term 'symmetry' and explain why it is an important technique when cutting out paper snowflakes. (3 marks)

3. If you were creating a winter-themed collage, suggest two materials you could use to add 'texture' to your work and explain the effect they would create. (4 marks)

4. Compare and contrast 'warm colours' and 'cool colours'. How might an artist use these to change the mood of a festive drawing? (4 marks)

5. Describe the process of creating a 'repetitive pattern'. Why might an artist choose to use this technique when designing festive wrapping paper? (3 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Imagine you have been commissioned to design a new festive greeting card for the community. Describe your design in detail. Include which materials you would use, the colour palette you have chosen, and the specific artistic techniques (such as printing, collage, or sketching) you would employ to make it visually appealing. Explain your choices. (9 marks)

Draw: In the space provided, sketch a festive ornament using at least two different geometric patterns. Ensure your design shows clear evidence of symmetry.



Extension challenge: Total: /25