

Zara's Christmas Pattern Party

Learning objective: To explore and create repeating patterns using festive shapes and colours.

Zara the zebra loves patterns! Look at the festive shapes below. Your job is to create a repeating pattern for a Christmas wrapping paper design. Use a sequence of two or more shapes. For example: Star, Tree, Star, Tree. Follow the instructions for each question to help you design your patterns.

Word bank: Pattern · Repeat · Symmetry · Shape · Festive · Colour · Sequence

1. Choose two shapes (like a star and a bauble). Draw them in a repeating sequence in this box: (2 marks)

2. Which two colours will you use to make your pattern look festive? Write them here: (1 mark)

3. If your pattern is Star, Tree, Star, Tree, what shape comes next? Write it here: (1 mark)

4. Why do we use patterns on wrapping paper? (Hint: Does it look tidy or messy?) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a large Christmas stocking in the centre of the page. Decorate it with a repeating pattern using zig-zags, dots, and stripes. Use your favourite festive colours!



Extension challenge: Can you create a pattern that has symmetry? Draw a line down the middle of a paper and make sure the left side is a mirror image of the right side.