

Zara's Winter Pattern Workshop

Learning objective: To explore the use of symmetry, pattern, and colour in festive artistic design.

Welcome to Zara the Zebra's design studio! Zara loves finding beauty in the world. Use this template to plan your own original Christmas-themed art piece. Think about how you can use repeating patterns, symmetry, and a festive colour palette to create a design that reflects the season.

Word bank: symmetry · geometric · festive · palette · repetition · intricate · contrast · visual balance

1. Theme Selection: Describe the central subject of your festive art piece (e.g., a winter woodland, a star-filled sky, or a patterned ornament). Why did you choose this theme? (2 marks)

2. Pattern Planning: Zara loves patterns! Explain the geometric shapes or repeating lines you will use to decorate your artwork. How will these patterns repeat? (3 marks)

3. Colour Palette: List the colours you have chosen for your design. Explain how these colours work together to create a 'festive' mood. (2 marks)

4. Symmetry and Balance: Will your artwork be symmetrical (the same on both sides) or asymmetrical? Explain how you will achieve balance in your composition. (3 marks)

5. Final Reflection: If your artwork were to be sold at a charity winter fair, what price would you set it at in pounds and pence? Give a reason for your chosen price. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Create a small-scale prototype of your design in the corner of your sketchbook. Try to create a 'tessellation' (a pattern of shapes that fit together without any gaps) using one of the geometric shapes you described in your plan.