

Zara's Festive Design Studio: Christmas Art Masterpiece

Learning objective: To explore the use of color, pattern, and texture to create an original Christmas-themed artwork inspired by Zara the zebra's eye for geometric design.

Welcome to the studio! Zara the zebra wants you to design a unique Christmas decoration or scene. Use this template to plan your artistic choices. Think about how colors can create a festive mood and how patterns can make your work stand out. Once you have filled in your plan, use your art materials to create your masterpiece on a separate sheet of paper.

Word bank: symmetrical · geometric · contrasting · festive · texture · vibrant · ornate · composition · perspective · shimmering

1. Concept and Theme: Describe the main subject of your Christmas artwork. Why did you choose this specific theme and what feeling do you want it to evoke in the viewer? (2 marks)

2. Color Palette: List the colors you will use. Justify your choice: how do these colors work together to create a harmonious or bold festive effect? (2 marks)

3. Pattern and Texture: Zara loves patterns! Explain which patterns you will include (e.g., stripes, tessellations, or dots) and how you will use different media to add texture to your work. (2 marks)

4. Composition and Space: Explain where you will place your main focus point. How have you used the space on your paper to lead the viewer's eye across the artwork? (2 marks)

5. Compare and Contrast: If you were to change your color palette to be the complete opposite (e.g., changing warm colors to cool colors), how would that change the 'mood' of your piece? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

6. Evaluation: What might happen if you incorporated a non-traditional material (like recycled items or natural textures) into your design? How would this affect the final aesthetic? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Budget-Friendly Decoration' task: Imagine you have a budget of £5.00 to create a physical Christmas decoration using recycled materials found at home. Create a shopping list for any extra items (e.g., glue, ribbon) and explain your construction method. How can you ensure your design is both beautiful and environmentally sustainable?