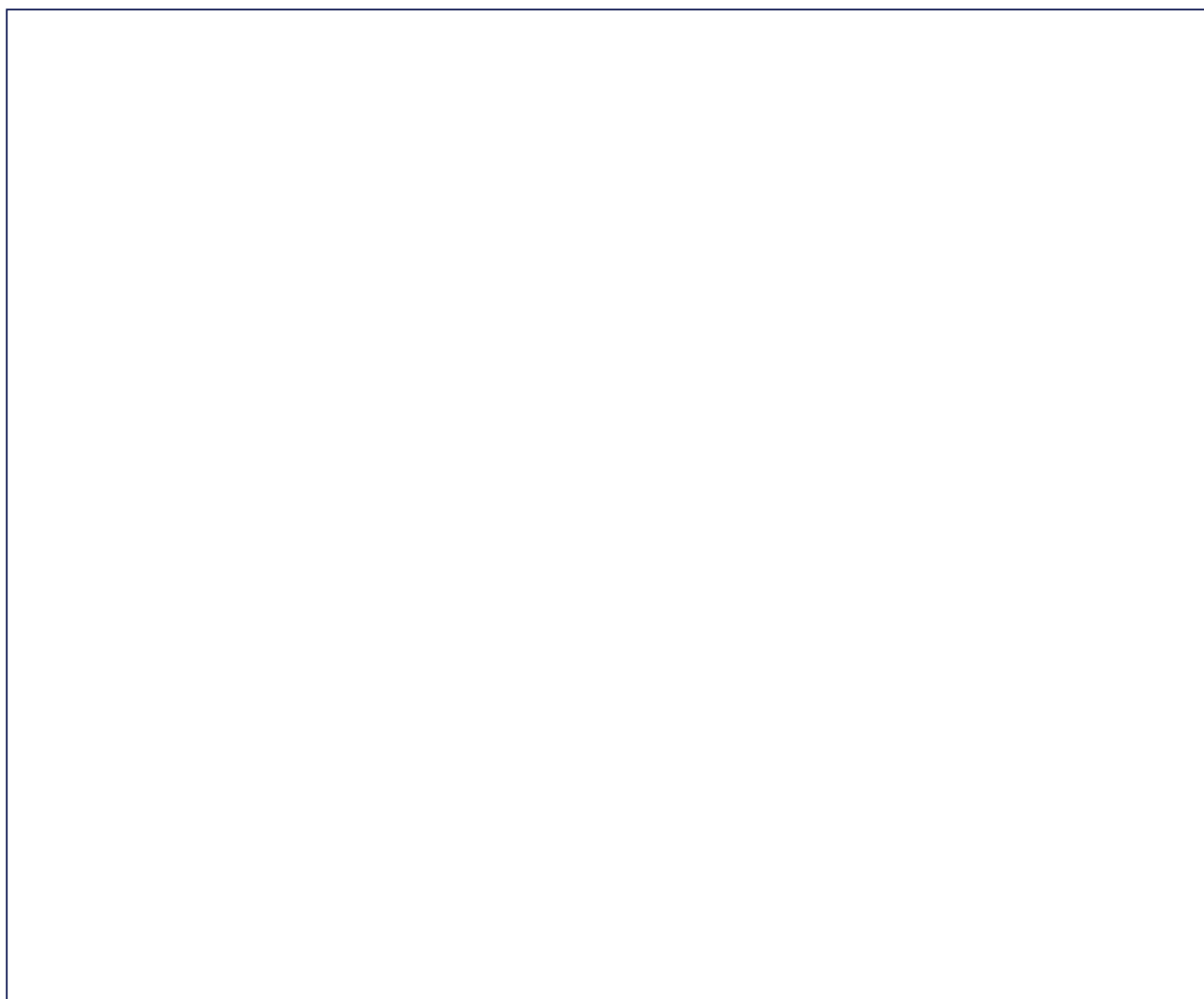


Creative Collages with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand the technique of collage by layering textures, patterns, and shapes to create a balanced composition.

Today, we are going to create a collage! A collage is a piece of art made by sticking different materials—like colored paper, fabric, or recycled items—onto a base. Follow the steps below to build your own masterpiece inspired by Zara the Zebra's love for patterns.

Draw: Create a collage design titled 'The Patterned Jungle'. Draw a scene featuring a large, central shape (like a leaf or a sun) in the background. In the foreground, add at least four overlapping geometric shapes (triangles, squares, or circles) that have different patterns drawn inside them—stripes, dots, zig-zags, or cross-hatching. Use a pencil to show where you would stick different colored paper, and label the sections using the provided word bank.



Label words: Texture · Layering · Composition · Foreground · Background · Overlay · Pattern

Steps:

1. Explain why 'layering' is an important technique when creating a collage.
2. How can you use different 'textures' to make your artwork more interesting for the viewer?
3. Step 1: On your base paper, lightly sketch where you want your main 'background' shape to go.

4. Step 2: Choose three different paper patterns and cut them into geometric shapes. Glue them to create a 'foreground'.
5. Label the area of your drawing that represents the 'foreground' and the 'background'.