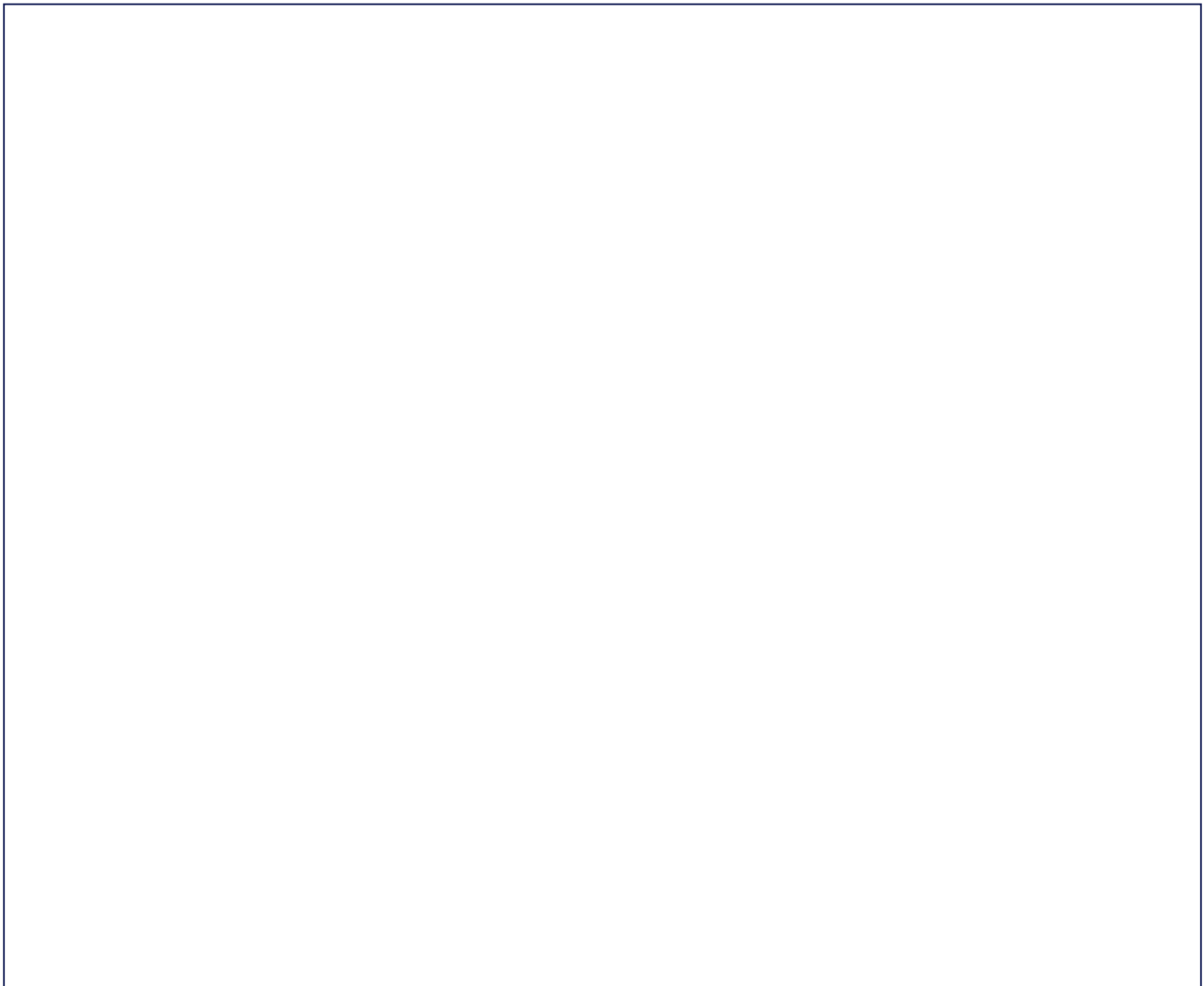


Zara's Festive Pattern Workshop

Learning objective: To explore the use of symmetry, repeating patterns, and intricate detail in festive-themed art, inspired by traditional British winter motifs.

Follow the steps below to create a sophisticated, symmetrical festive design. Use Zara the Zebra's techniques to focus on geometric precision and contrasting textures.

Draw: Create a 'Winter Window' composition. Your drawing should feature a central, highly detailed snowflake that displays rotational symmetry. Surrounding the snowflake, create a border using a repeating pattern (tessellation) of holly leaves and berries. Use fine-line pens or sharp pencils to ensure every detail is crisp. Aim to include at least three different types of geometric shapes within your snowflake design.



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Steps:

1. Explain why Zara uses a light pencil grid before starting her detailed drawings. How does this improve the final outcome?
2. Compare and contrast a snowflake pattern with a holly leaf motif. Which elements make them look 'wintery'?
3. Step 1: Divide your page into four equal quadrants using a ruler. Draw a central snowflake in the middle of

your page.

4. Step 2: Add three repeating geometric motifs to the border of your drawing.

5. Justify your choice of colour palette for this piece. Why do these specific colours evoke a winter atmosphere?

6. What might happen to the visual balance of your artwork if you chose to remove the symmetry? Explain your reasoning.