

Pattern & Print: Repeat, Rotate, Reflect

Build visual patterns using repetition, rotation, reflection and variation while keeping a clear structure.

LEARN • PRACTISE • CREATE • REFLECT

Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

A4 edition • 12 purposeful pages • review copy

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

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Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 Patterns use rules that can repeat or transform motifs.

2 Rotation and reflection change orientation while preserving relationships.

3 Variation can add interest without destroying the underlying pattern.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Create a motif from three simple shapes.

Repeat it in a translation pattern.

Make a second strip using rotation.

Create a mirror/reflection border.

Introduce one planned variation and explain why the pattern still works.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Find two patterns in textiles, buildings or nature with an adult and describe the visible rule without copying a protected design.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Design an original wrapping-paper or tile pattern using a self-created motif and two transformations.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. What is a motif?

2. What is reflection?

3. Can a pattern include variation?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Pattern & Print: Repeat, Rotate, Reflect”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

A repeated visual unit or idea.

2. Suggested response

A mirror-like transformation across a line.

3. Suggested response

Yes, when the underlying structure remains understandable.

Review before publication

Check age fit, factual accuracy, clarity, accessibility, rights provenance and whether the activity works in practice. This file remains a review copy until those checks are signed off.

FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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