



Lesson 4 – William Morris and Patterns

Aim

- To look at the work of William Morris and recreate it using the Patterns template.

Success criteria

- Children can describe the main features of art that uses repeating patterns.
- Children can use 2Paint a Picture to create my own art by repeating patterns in a variety of ways.

Children can combine more than one effect in 2Paint a Picture to enhance my patterns.

Resources

- Examples of work by the textile designer and artist William Morris.
- Examples of other patterns that use repeats: wrapping paper and wallpaper samples are useful for this.
- [William Morris fact file from Appendix 4](#); this is a brief fact file for your own use.
- If you want the children to write about William Morris like they have written about the other artists, you could make use of the [Blank Artist's Profile Activity](#).

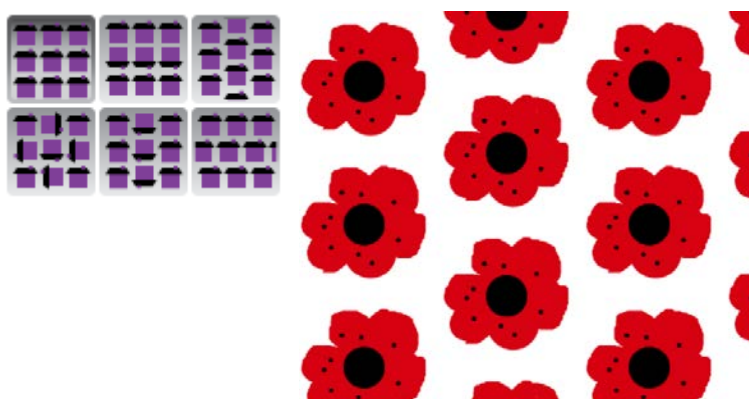
Activities

1. Show the children some of the work by William Morris as well as the other pieces with repeating patterns. If you have enough examples, give out a sample to each pair of children. They should spend a few minutes working out what images are repeated and how they are repeated using words such as:
Vertical, horizontal, parallel, diagonal, rotated, rotational, symmetry.
You may wish to display these words on the whiteboard.
2. Talk about William Morris using the fact file; the children could use an Internet search engine to find an example of a William Morris pattern on the computer and identify the subject matter – plants, flowers etc. – and how it is repeated.
3. Open 2Paint a Picture and select the pattern template. Demonstrate to the children that whatever they draw in the top left square is repeated in the main page.

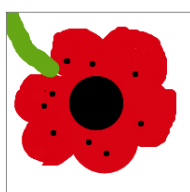


Remind the children about the Undo button and about how to alter the thickness of the pen.

Next, show the children how to vary the way that the pattern repeats by exploring the effect of clicking on the different Repeat Style buttons. A lot of wallpaper designs will use a half-drop pattern, giving a diagonal effect.



Explore how different rotations affect the pattern of the same basic shape:





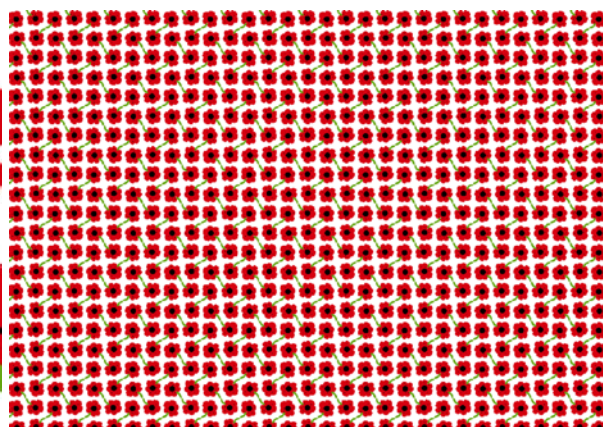
Next, show how the size slider can change the pattern:



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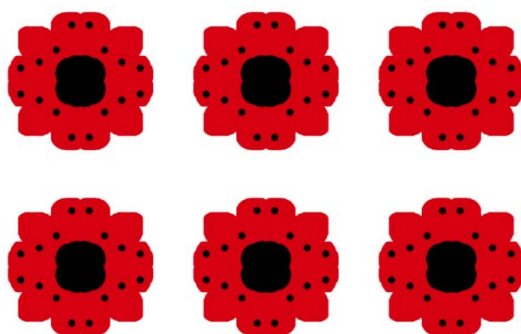
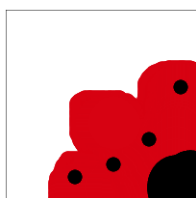


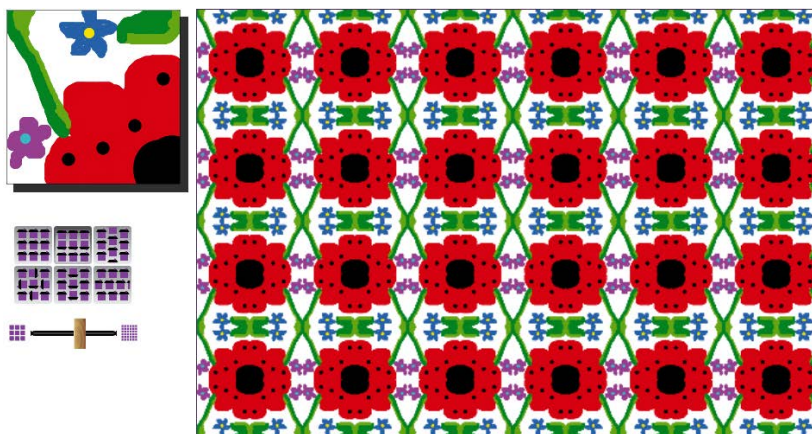
To:



Show the children a different way to do this by drawing a quarter of a flower in the corner and making a rotating repeat that matches up the quarter flowers.

Try adding a stem and some smaller flowers to see the effect of this. The added small details are very reminiscent of William Morris's designs.





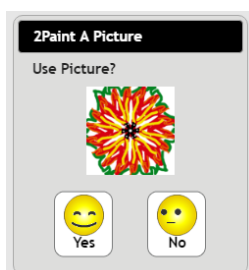
Give the children time to experiment with these techniques to create their own patterns and save them.

Now bring the class back together and explain that you are going to investigate rotational effects and combine these with patterns. Open a new file in 2Paint a Picture and choose the Slice template. Whatever is drawn within the slice will be repeated by rotating it about the centre. The size of the slice can be altered during the process to alter the repeat of the subsequent drawing.

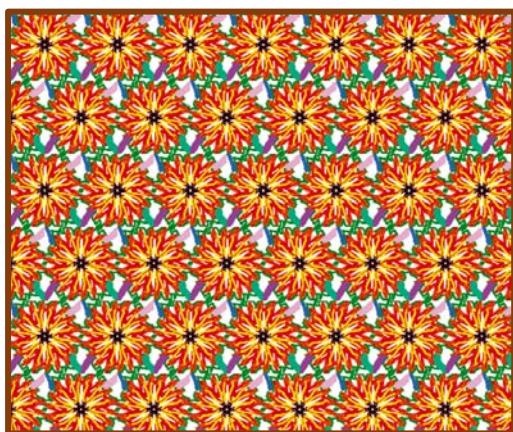
Demonstrate these effects to the children briefly to create a pattern.



Now click on the New File button and select the Pattern template. When asked whether to use the current picture, select Yes.



Now you will have the rotated image set up to repeat in the new file. Further details can be added in the top left box if desired.



Children should spend the rest of the lesson experimenting with these effects to create patterns. These could be shared to a class blog or display board. They could even be printed to decorate a house outline on a wall of your classroom or shoebox houses. Each child could have a different room to furnish with carpets, curtains, sofas, etc. We'd love to see them here at 2Simple, so please send us a photo of any classrooms or shoeboxes decorated in this style!