Year 4 Art & Design

Collage (Tessellation)

Key Vocabulary

Mosaic: a picture or pattern produced by arranging small pieces of materials which fit together exactly.

Tessellation: an arrangement of shapes closely fitted together, especially of polygons in a repeated pattern without gaps or overlapping.

Repeat: do something again and again.

Symmetry: where one side is a mirrorimage of the other.

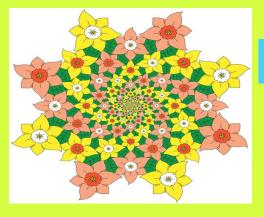
Sticky Knowledge

Mosaics are pattern of 2D shapes which fit together without any gaps. When 2D shapes fit together in this way, it is called tessellation.

The Romans were the first people to use tessellation.

They had many ornate designs on tiled floors.

Robert Fathauer designed his tessellations with lifelike motifs. Some of his first tessellations were based on squids and stingrays. Fathauer also learned printmaking techniques in order to produce posters of his designs.



Famous Artwork

'Spiralling Flowers'
By Robert Fathauer
2011

Famous Person

Robert Fathauer was born in 1960. He is an American artist most famous for his tessellations.

