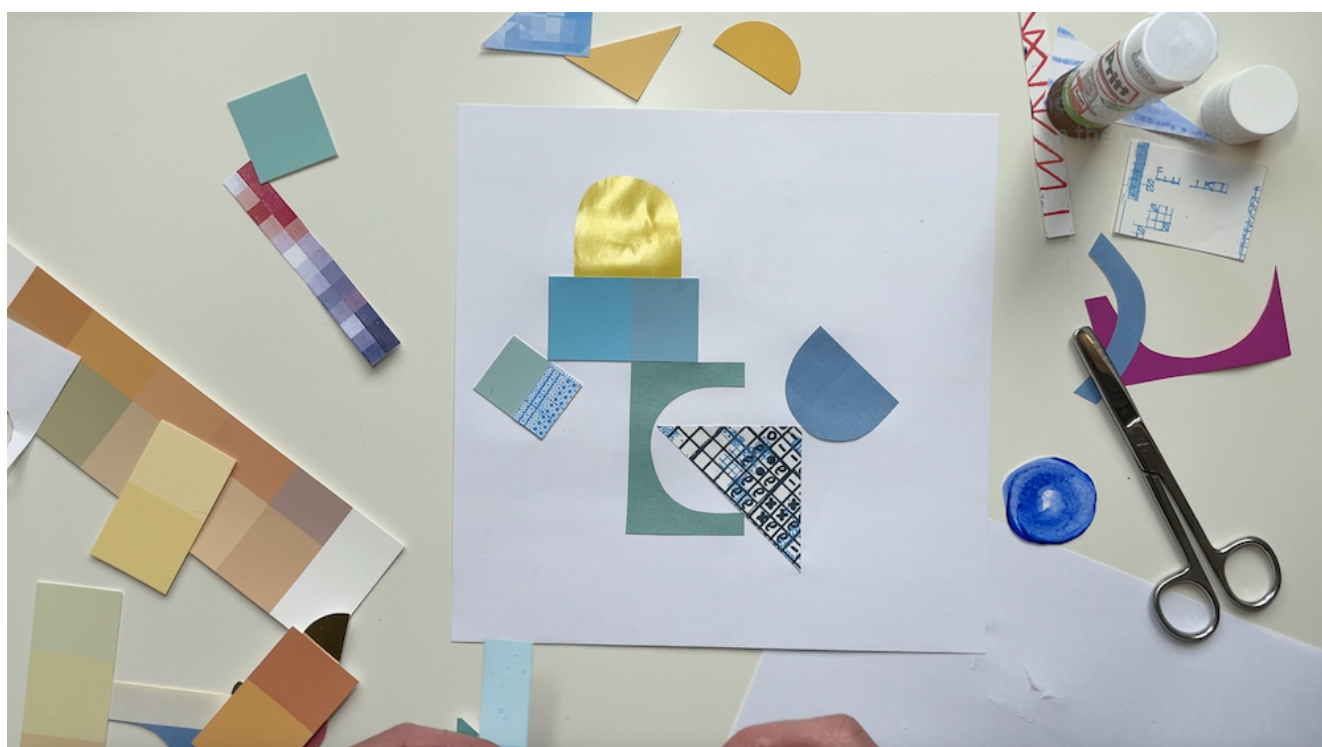


Creating Repeat Patterns With Rachel Parker

[By Rachel Parker](#)

In this post, surface pattern designer Rachel Parker shows us how we can create seamless repeat patterns using a 'square tile repeat'. This resource will get your students thinking about colours and shapes, and the relationship between these components to create an overall balanced pattern. This activity can be adapted for all age groups and gives a great insight into the creative process of a professional pattern designer.

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"This is a great activity for really tuning into colour and shape. The process is ultimately quite

a refined one (ie making a pattern balanced and repeated ‘correctly’) – but there’s plenty of scope for exploring pattern in a more experiential way prior to the refinement page. Try one of the recommended resources below to introduce pattern and begin with some open ended activities to build skill and confidence.” – Andrea, AccessArt

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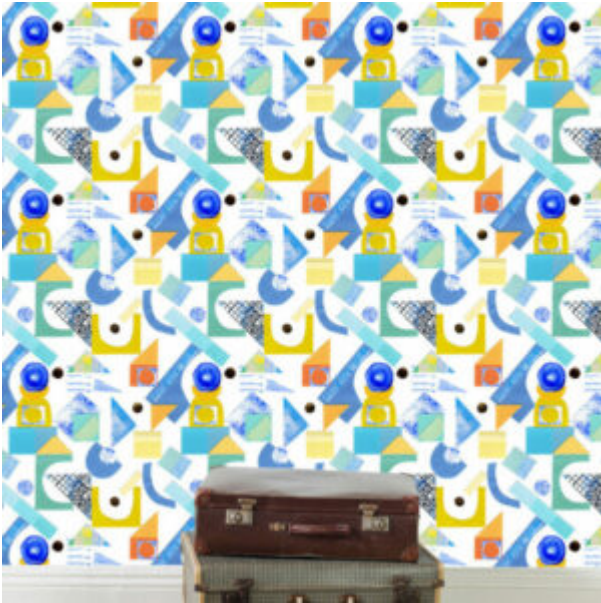
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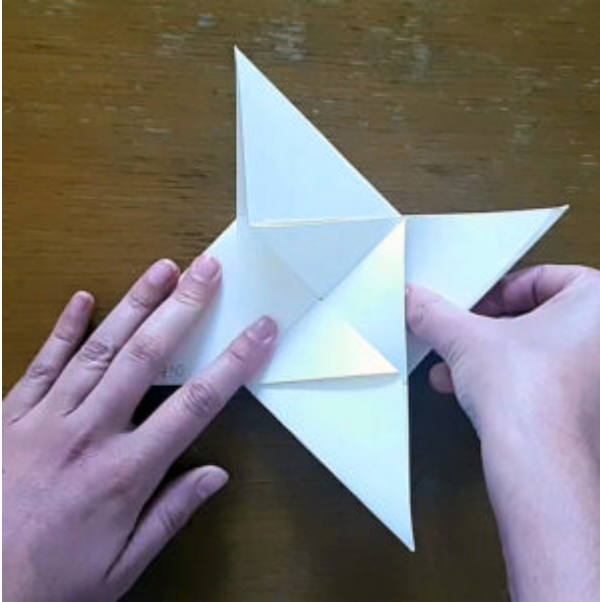
Turkish Map Fold

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“This activity is a great example of how we can use paper as the focus of creativity. Often we use paper purely for drawing or painting on, but here, it is central to the activity itself. While these particular folded sculptures have their roots in Turkish culture, you could still deliver the activity if looking at things like Origami too, thus linking it across different cultures” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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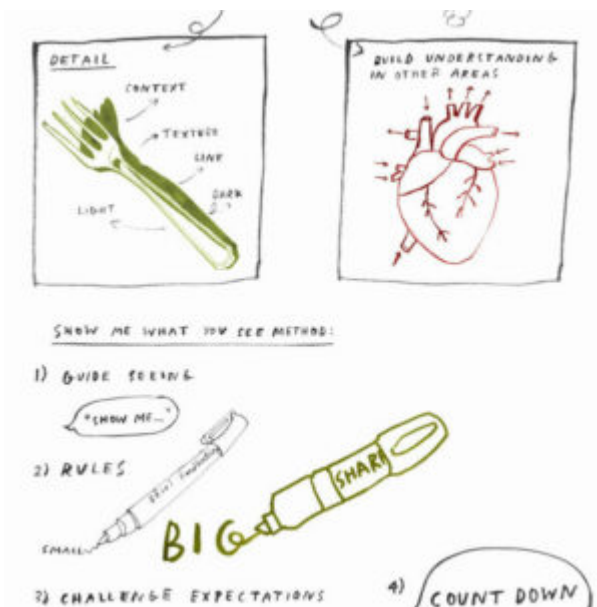


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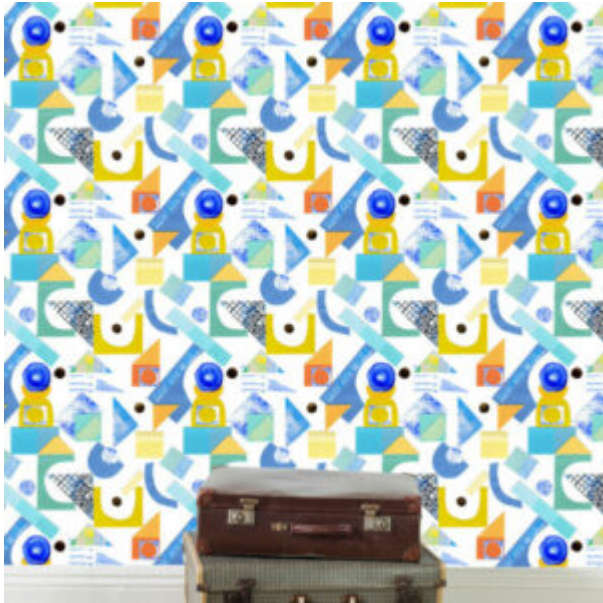
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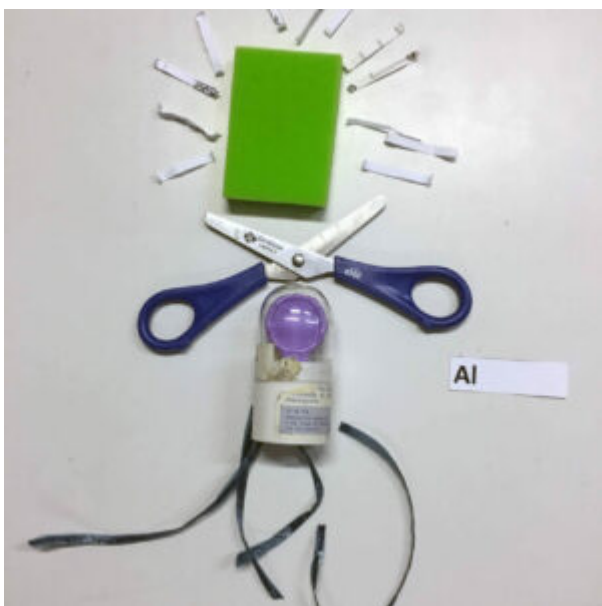
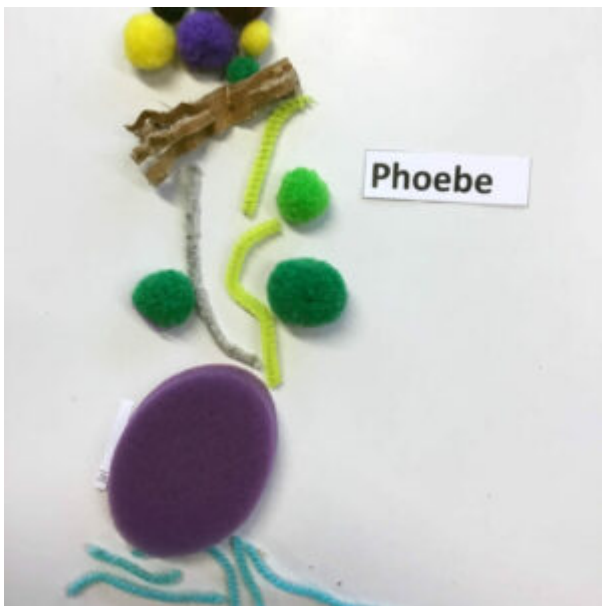
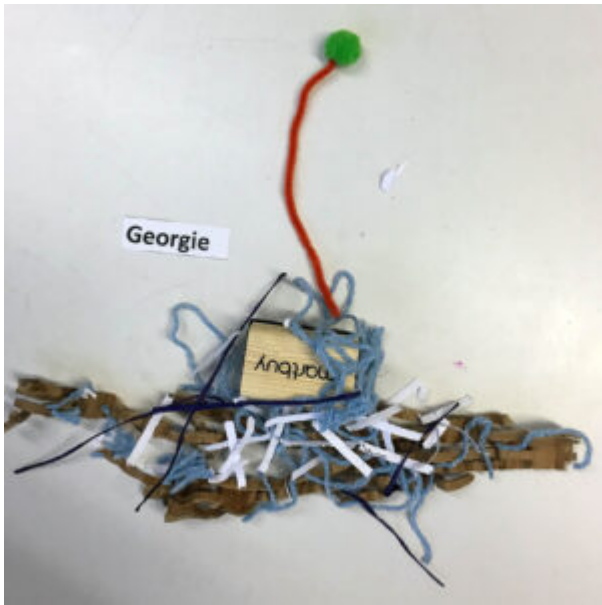
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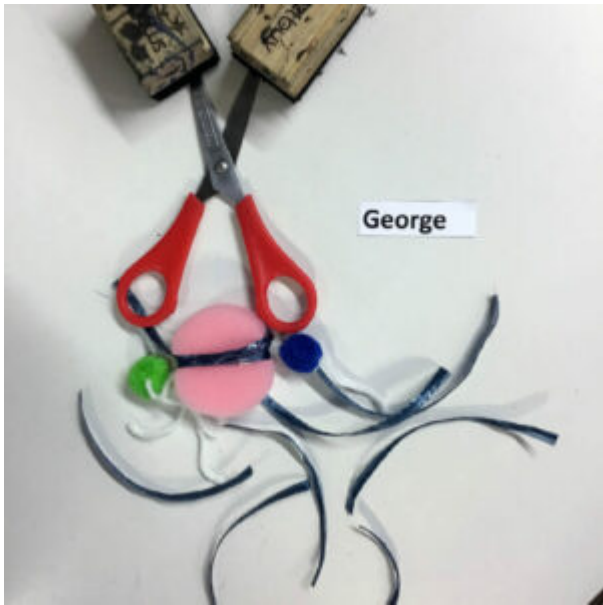


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