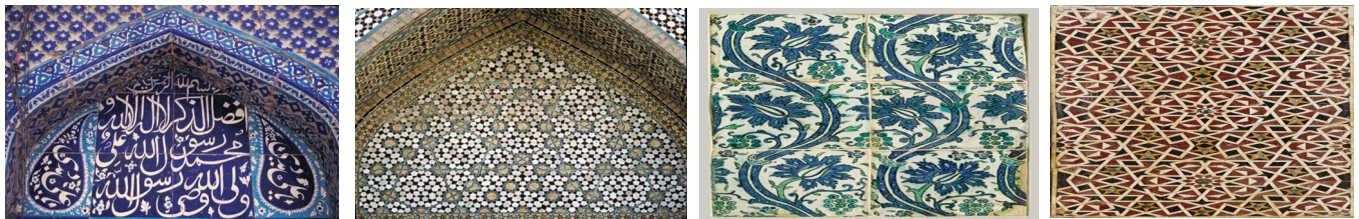


This weekend, Muslim families will be celebrating Eid! Therefore, for today's art we will be looking at Islamic Art and in particular, the lovely patterns that are used.

Much of Islamic art has a distinct design. Rather than use animals or people in their design, Islamic artists often used a variety of intricate designs and patterns. This practice was a direct influence of the Islamic religion on the art.



One pattern commonly used by Islamic artists is called "arabesque." Arabesque uses intricate patterns of leaves and flowers. These patterns were common in wooden carvings, stone on buildings, textiles, and in decorated books.



Islamic artists also used geometric patterns called "tessellation" (remember M.C. Escher!) and artistic writing called "calligraphy" in their designs.



For your task today, we would like you to either recreate one of the designs above or research other Islamic Art designs and choose one of those instead. If you would like, we have also provided some templates for you to colour in if you don't want to draw your design! We would love to see your design if you would like to share it.