

# Pattern

## Aims

- To provide a set of images to support Key Stage 1 Maths: pattern.
- To provide students with visual encounters with a variety of objects that use pattern as part of their form or decoration.
- To provide teachers with an opportunity to build student familiarity in terms of pattern vocabulary and identification of patterns in real life contexts.

## Description

- A sequence of 12 slides

## Teaching ideas

- Discuss different types of pattern with the students (e.g. repeating, symmetrical, rotating) and ask them to spot the type(s) of pattern used on each object.
- Use the images as a starting point for the students to create their own patterns- bead patterns, painted patterns, sewn patterns.
- Make people patterns –e.g. six students in a row with arms crossed, hands behind back etc. Divide students into small groups and ask each group to devise and present a people pattern and see if the other students can spot the pattern
- Have a classroom/school pattern hunt, recording the results either on paper or with digital cameras. What patterns can the students spot on objects in the classroom/school?

## Notes on the pictures

Further information about the objects in this resource can be found on the 'Explore' section of the British Museum website using the web address shown for each slide.

**Slide 1: Beads and pendants**

**From: From Ur, southern Iraq. Date: 2600-2400.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/me/b/beads\\_and\\_pendants.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/me/b/beads_and_pendants.aspx)

**Slide 2: Quilt**

**From: Cook Islands, Polynesia. Date: AD 2001.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/aoa/q/quilt\\_tivaeva\\_e.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/aoa/q/quilt_tivaeva_e.aspx)

**Slide 3: Bride's apron**

**From: South Africa. Date: AD 1900s.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/aoa/b/brides\\_apron\\_jocolo.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/aoa/b/brides_apron_jocolo.aspx)

**Slide 4: Pottery plate**

**From: Morocco. Date: late AD 1900s.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/aoa/p/pottery\\_plate.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/aoa/p/pottery_plate.aspx)

**Slide 5: Painted tiles**

**From: Iznik, Turkey. Date: AD 1550.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/me/u/underglaze-painted\\_tiles.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/me/u/underglaze-painted_tiles.aspx)

**Slide 6: Decorated bronze mirror**

**From: England. Date: 50 BC–AD 50.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/pe\\_prb/d/decorated\\_bronze\\_mirror.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/pe_prb/d/decorated_bronze_mirror.aspx)

**Slide 7: Maori Pendant (hei tiki)**

**From: New Zealand. Date: AD 1700s.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/aoa/n/nephrite\\_pendant\\_hei\\_tiki.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/aoa/n/nephrite_pendant_hei_tiki.aspx)

**Slide 8: Pedestalled krater**

**From: Rhodes. Date: 800-770 BC.**

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/gr/p/pedestalled\\_krater.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/gr/p/pedestalled_krater.aspx)

**Slide 9: Anglo-Saxon brooch**

**From: England. Date: AD 800s.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/pe\\_mla/t/the\\_strickland\\_brooch.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/pe_mla/t/the_strickland_brooch.aspx)

**Slide 10: Beaded pad saddle**

**From: the Canadian Plains, North America Date: AD 1800s.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/aoa/b/beaded\\_pad\\_saddle.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/aoa/b/beaded_pad_saddle.aspx)

**Slide 11: Baskets**

**From: New Zealand, Polynesia. Date: late AD 1900s.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/aoa/c/contemporary\\_baskets\\_kete.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/aoa/c/contemporary_baskets_kete.aspx)

**Slide 12: Mosaic**

**From: London, England. Date: AD 200s.**

[www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/pe\\_prb/t/the\\_bank\\_of\\_england\\_mosaic.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/pe_prb/t/the_bank_of_england_mosaic.aspx)