Pattern Spotting!

Patterns are repeated shapes.

Like these ones...

In the Museum you will find patterns on different objects, like...

...Masks...
...Textiles...
...Pottery...
...Beadwork...
...Weapons and Armour...
...Baskets...

Hint! Look on the top floor!

Shape

Can you find an object with a pattern made from...

...circles?
...diamonds?
...zigzags?
...flowers?

Tick them off when you find them.

If a pattern is made up of shapes that looks like a real object or person it is called **figurative**.

If a pattern is made up of shapes that do not look like real objects or figures, it is called **abstract**.
Patterns can be created in different ways. 

Find a pattern which is...

...carved: ________________________
...painted: ________________________
...woven: ________________________

What is the object?

Patterns are often symmetrical.

Find an object with a symmetrical pattern on it.

Draw it below - if you can, draw in the line of symmetry.

Symmetry is when one shape becomes exactly like another if you flip, slide or turn it.

Line of symmetry
Find patterns you like around the Museum and use them to decorate this T-shirt.

How would you describe the pattern?

...symmetrical?
...simple?
...busy?
...abstract?
...figurative?
...crazy?
Stuck for ideas? Here are some great places to find patterns...

- Geometric Form in Art
- Pottery
- Baskets
- Textiles
- Model Houses
- Clubs
- Shields
- Armour
- Totem Pole
- Sticks

Court (Ground Floor)

Upper Gallery (2nd Floor)