

Lesson details

Year Group: 9

Subject: Art

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Do Now Questions

1. What does pattern mean?
2. What is a motif?
3. What does symmetrical mean?

Engage

LO: African Wax Printing - How can we create our own?

Keywords:

Pattern

Definition: A repeated decorative design

Design

Definition: The arrangement of visual elements

Motif

Definition: Recurring design that creates pattern.

Learn - Why is African Wax Print So Iconic?

Vibrant & Bold: These fabrics are famous for their eye-catching, bright colors and bold, repeating patterns.

A West African Staple: While loved all across the African continent, these textiles are incredibly popular in West Africa.

Fabric with a Voice: The patterns aren't just for looks! They often carry deep meanings, telling stories about a person's identity, social status, or a special occasion.

Inspired by Nature & Culture: Look closely at the designs—you'll spot geometric shapes, traditional symbols, plants, and animals woven into the prints.



Build

Look at the image provided below and answer the following questions.

What shapes can you see? (e.g - geometric, organic)

How would you describe the colours used? (e.g - contrasting, complimentary)

How could you describe the design? (e.g - busy, intricate)



Apply

Design Your Own Wax Print Inspired Design

Now that you've explored the vibrant world of African wax printing, it's time to become a designer! Remember, these fabrics aren't just beautiful—they tell a story.

Design your own repeating fabric pattern that tells a story about **you**.

- Step 1: Choose Your Story.** What do you want your fabric to say? (e.g., a hobby you love, a favorite memory, your personality, or a special celebration).

- Step 2: Pick Your Symbols & Shapes.** Use a mix of **geometric shapes** and **organic symbols** (like plants, animals, or objects) that represent your story.

- Step 3: Go Bold with Color!** Choose a **vibrant, contrasting** color palette that makes your design pop. Fill the page to make it look **intricate** and beautifully "busy"!

Review

In your own words, explain how African wax prints are more than just fashion. What else can the patterns represent?

