

LET'S MAKE A PATTERN

Patterns are made when something is repeated – this could be an object, line or shape. There are many different types of patterns – they can be made of colours, stones, building blocks, or anything you can think of!

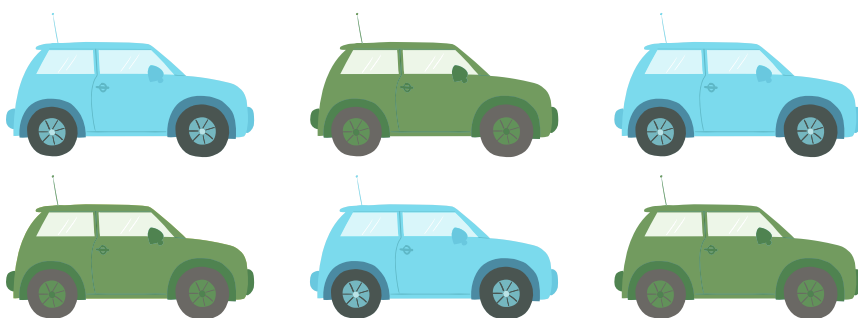
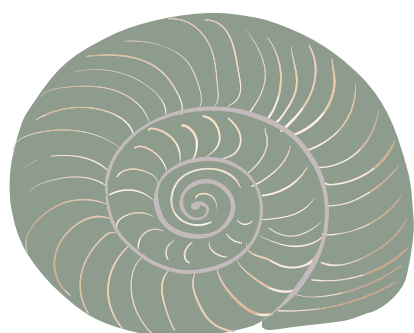
Making patterned art can be a fun way to relax your mind, take a moment for yourself or help you feel calm.

I like to make a pattern when I want to relax.



Spot the pattern

What do you see repeated to make a pattern?



Patterns in art

Artists often use patterns in their artworks. Tammy Kanat made this artwork using metal and different fibres of wool and silk. Can you see how the fibres are different? Some are thick, some are thin and others are fluffy!

What colours, shapes or materials do you see repeated? You may notice that they aren't all exactly the same, but they still make a pattern.



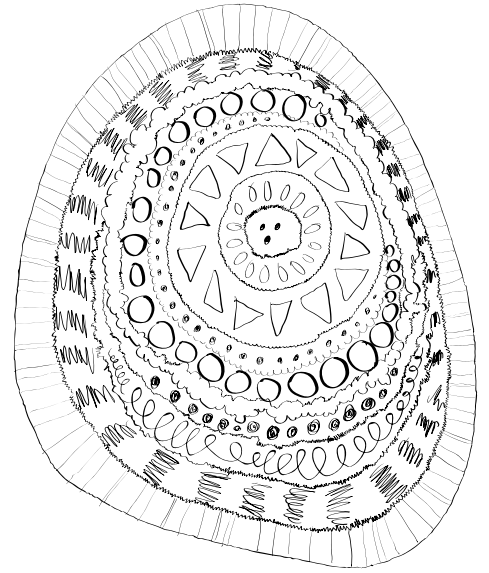
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Make a pattern with Tammy Kanat

Let's get creative and draw patterns.
Find the activity sheet for this on page 6.

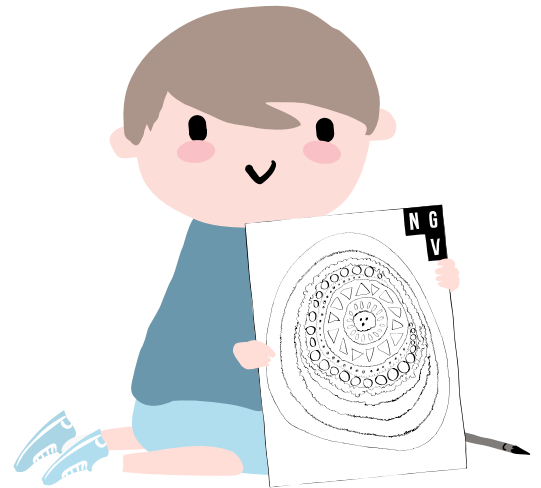
1 START

To start your pattern, pick a section on Tammy's activity sheet and begin drawing. You can begin anywhere you like – you could start in the middle if you can't decide. You may like to draw shapes, lines or anything else.



2 FILL

Once you have filled your first section, move to another section and begin drawing different shapes, lines or anything else. You may also wish to change the colours you use for each section.



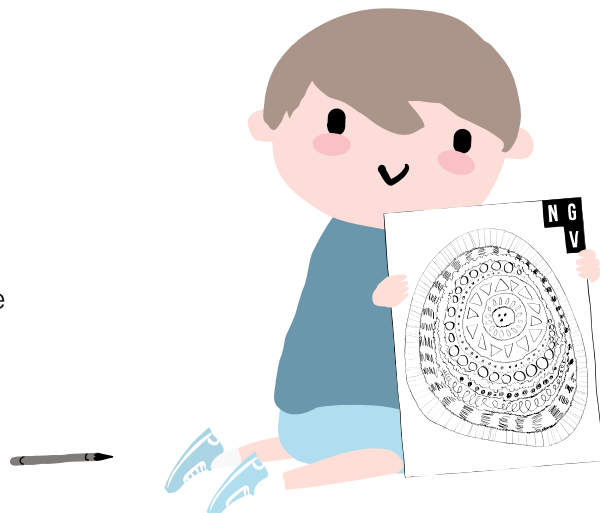
3 REPEAT

Repeat Step 2 until you have filled as many sections as you like.



4 FINISH

You do not have to finish the whole pattern now. You may like to work on your pattern by drawing small sections over time.



Make a pattern with objects

Let's make a circular-shaped pattern with different objects and materials.

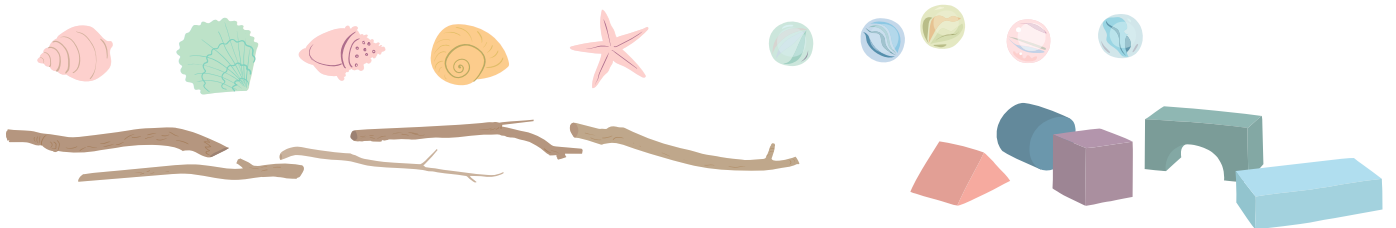
1 GATHER

Gather some interesting things from your home or garden. This can be flowers and leaves, crayons and pencils, or anything you would like to use to make your pattern. You will use these to make your pattern. You can collect more materials or objects if you run out later.



2 SORT

Sort your collection into smaller groups that have something in common, for example, type, colour, shape or size.



3 START

Place one object or material on the ground or on top of a table. This will be the centre of your pattern.



4 PLACE

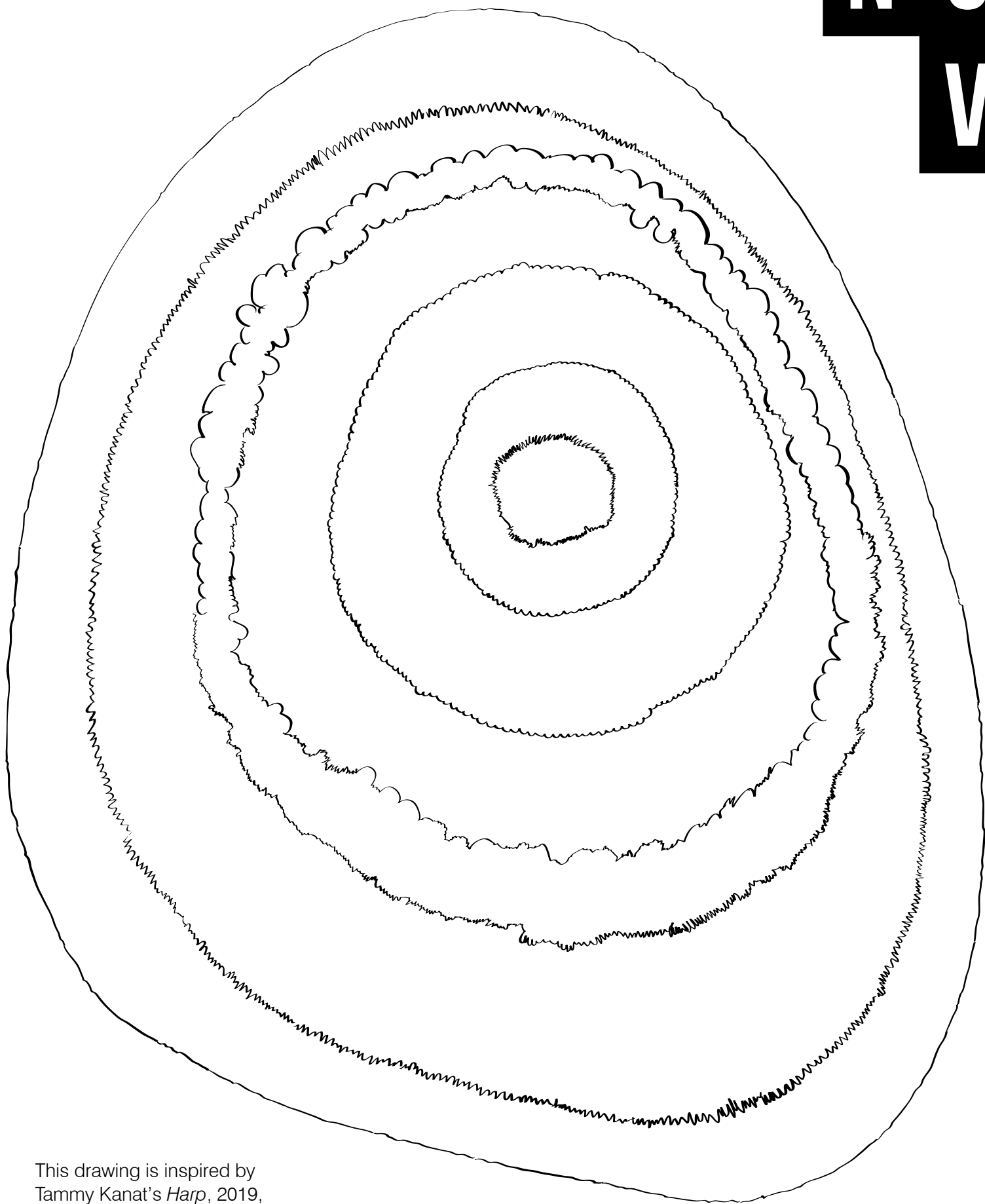
Choose another group of your objects or materials and place them in a circle shape around the first object. Your circles don't need to be perfect; they could even be a bit crooked like Tammy's!



5 REPEAT

Using a different group of materials or objects for each circle, repeat Step 4 until you have made as many circles as you like. If you need help knowing when to stop, you might like to make five circles.





This drawing is inspired by
 Tammy Kanat's *Harp*, 2019,
 from the NGV Collection.