What Patterns Can We Find Around Us?





Born in Japan 1929

- She loved drawing and painting as a child
- Moved to New York in the 1950s
- Her art is made up of polka dots and nature
- She has organised lots of art exhibitions (art shows) and Infinity Mirror Rooms for people to visit

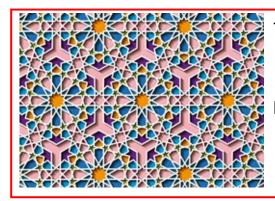


Repeating patterns follow the same pattern and never change.

Irregular patterns are patterns which change and never repeat.



Yayoi Kusama



This is an Islamic art motif. It contains a repeating pattern.

Pattern	A design in which lines, colours or shapes are repeated
Regular	A pattern that is repeated in a predictable way
Irregular	A pattern which changes
Motif	A repeating pattern or theme
Repeating	The same thing happens many times
Primary colours	They can't be made by mixing other colours

Primary Colours are: Red, blue and

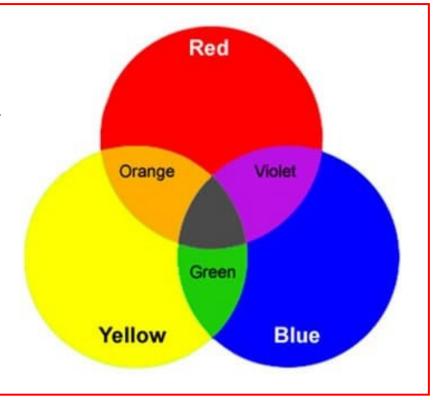
Yellow

Secondary Colours are: Orange, violet

and green

Primary colours can't be made.

Secondary colours are made by mixing primary colours together.



Retrieve

- 1. What is a pattern?
- 2. Can you tell the difference between a regular pattern and an irregular pattern?
- 3. Look outside can you see any irregular or regular patterns?
- 4. Do you know how many primary colours there are?
- 5. Can you name the primary colours?
- 6. Who is Yayoi Kusama?
- 7. What art is Yayoi famous for?
- 8. What is her most used shape?
- 9. Do you know where in the world Yayoi was born?
- 10. Why Yayoi move to New York?

Dig Deeper

- When you are out and about see if you can see any patterns that are similar to Yayoi's work?
- Find examples of patterns in nature are they regular or irregular patterns? How do you know?
- Have a look at the colours around your house. Are they
 Primary colours? If not, which colours have been mixed
 to create them?

Apply

What colours can you make if you mix:

Blue and Red =

Yellow and Red =

Blue and Yellow =

Create

- Create an irregular and regular pattern outside using different natural materials?
- Create your own piece of art in the style of Yayoi
 - Kusama using polka dots.
- Create a fact file about Yayoi Kusama.

