

Celtic swastika patterns

Age: 9-11 Group size: 20

Duration: 40 mins per pattern



Preparation time: 20 mins

Resources

- Copies of the stages for each pattern
- Drawing paper 18cms x21cms
- Pencils
- Colouring materials
- Felt tip pens
- Coin/counter 2cms diameter

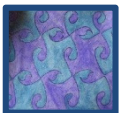


Background

Swastikas

usually have 4 points and have a clockwise or anti clockwise movement. They are based on the sun sign and appear in many ancient cultures in some form or other. In the patterns above a standalone swastika has been used and then repeated. In the

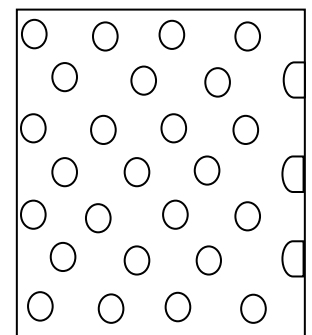
red and yellow pattern joined swastikas make a wave-like movement.



Preparation

The pattern is based on circles. Draw the circles as faintly as possible as they are only used as the design base and are not part of the finished pattern. Draw a row of 4 circles set 4cms apart from each other.

Draw a set of 3 circles underneath the spaces in the top row, again keeping the circles 4cms apart.



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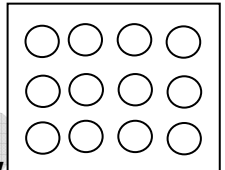
There should be room for a half circle at the end of the row.

The second row should be 4cms below the first row.

Repeat the first 2 rows until there are 7 rows in total.



For the wave pattern, draw 3 rows of 4 circles; draw the circles close to each other but not touching. Leave a 1cms gap between each row.



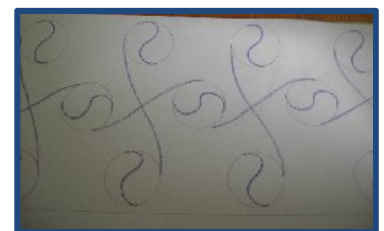
Activity- Blue and purple pattern

Draw back to front s shapes in the middle of each of the circles in the top row. Draw horizontal s shapes in the circles of the second row and then repeat the pattern for the rest of the rows



Draw a curvy line from the bottom left hand side of the top circle running to the bottom right hand side of the circle directly below it in the third row. Do this for each of the circles in the top row. In the middle row draw a horizontal line like

a c shape from the bottom of the left hand circle to the top of the middle circle and then from the bottom of the middle circle to the top of the last circle. Repeat this for the whole pattern.



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Colour in half of each circle. On the top row colour the right side of the first circle and then the left side of the next circle, then repeat to the end of the row. In the second row do the top of the first circle then the bottom of the second circle and repeat the pattern to the end of the row. In the third row go right, left. In the fourth row colour bottom, then top. Continue to the end following the pattern.



Follow the picture to pick out the first set of swastika shapes. Colour the rest of the picture. Pick out the most dominant colour in the pattern with a thin felt tip in that colour.

Red and yellow pattern

Draw horizontal s shapes across the middle of all the circles. Connect the circles in the rows with a curvy line going from the bottom of one circle to the top of the next.



Colour the bottom half of the top row, the top half of the second row and the bottom half of the third row using red. Colour the top of the pattern red, keeping inside the lines.



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Colour the space between the second and third row of circles in red. Colour the rest of the pattern in yellow.

Pick out the red outline with a red felt tip pen.



Golden Time

