



- Stencils are fun alone, but even more so when you overlap them or use select areas of the different ones you have on hand.
- Found objects: Use thread spools, combs, bottle tops in several sizes, corks, and more to stamp repeating designs onto your paper or fabric.
- Create folds in your paper or use folded paper.
- Hand stitching/embroidery adds texture and pattern!
- Miniature tiles or pebbles, beads, and buttons all create depth and patterning options.
- Cut shapes, and use both the positive and negative, in your art to create a repeating pattern.
- Generate patterns with color.
- Items from nature: leaves, shells, twigs are great for creating a theme along with wonderful patterns.
- Use text, different fonts and sizes, to make patterns.
- Incorporate paint chips in your work. They're free, and they come in tons of colors and in different sizes, depending on the brand.
- Use thin pieces of wood or veneer to create patterns.
- Create patterns with weaving.
- Crop areas of photographs with interesting textures and colors to create a pattern.

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