

# Investigating Patterns

Learning Objective:

To be able to create a pattern using stencils.



Stencils can be great for making patterns. This is how you do it...



Draw the picture you would like for your stencil on a thick piece of card. Remember, you only need the outline so don't worry about things like faces or clothes.




Carefully cut around the shape keeping the edges as neat as possible.

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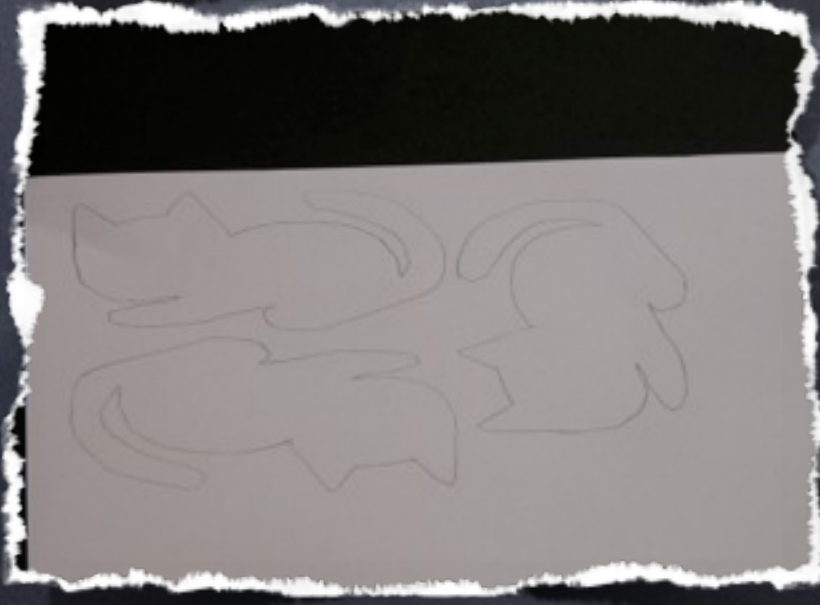




Draw around the shape carefully trying not to let the stencil move.



Remove the stencil to reveal the shape.



Now repeat the process, moving the stencil to where you want it to create a pattern. You can turn it around, flip it, overlaps shapes...anything!

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What shapes might be good to make for your stencil?

What patterns could you make?



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# There are lots of ways you could colour in your stencil patterns.

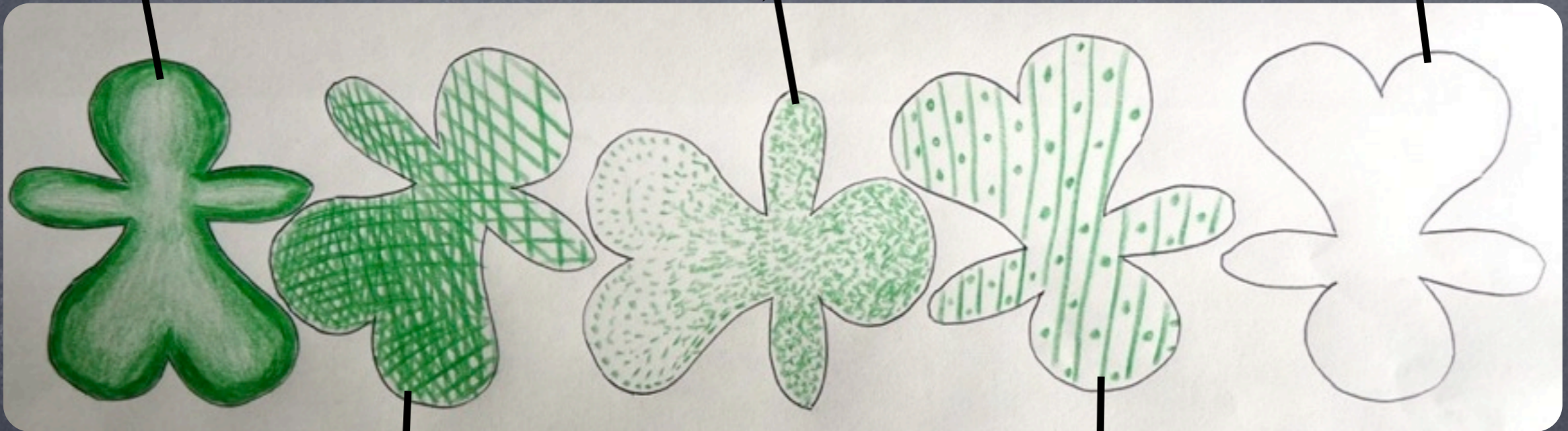
## Shading

Make your patterns look 3D by shading darkly round the outside and lightly in the middle.

## Dotting

Use more or less dots to create light and dark effects.

What else could you do?



## Cross-hatching

The more times you draw lines crossing over, the darker the shading becomes.

## Patterns

Make up your own patterns within your pattern!

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