

Roman Mosaics Patterns activity



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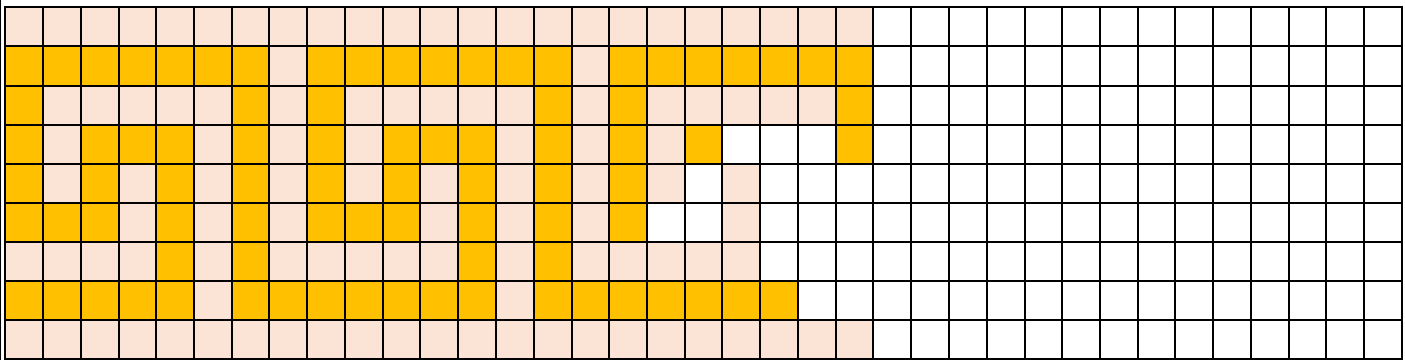
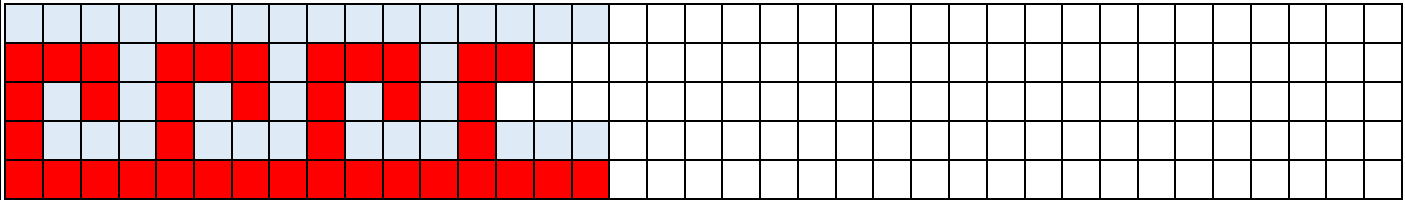
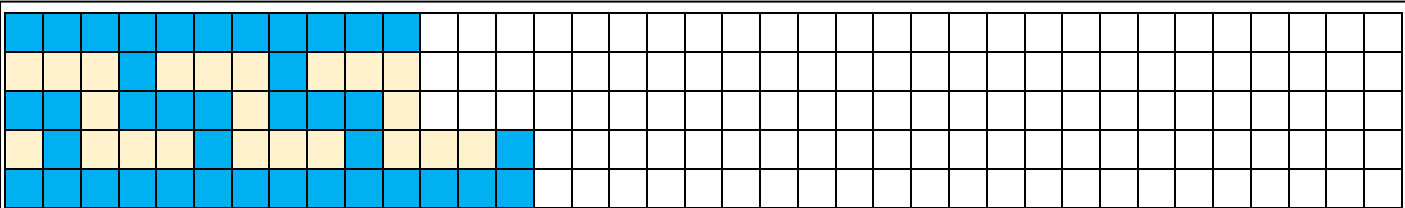
Take a look at the floors of the rooms in your house. What are they covered with? You may find carpets, rugs, tiles, wood and vinyl.

If you were a rich or important roman, you may have had a special type of floor covering known as a mosaic. These were made up of small tiles known as 'Tesserae' fitted together to form patterns and pictures.

Roman Mosaics have been found around the world, including Bath and the surrounding areas. The designs may be simple borders and pictures, or intricate patterns and scenes of everyday life.

Activity One

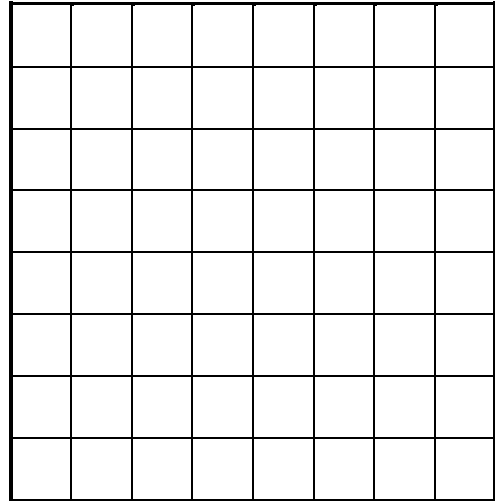
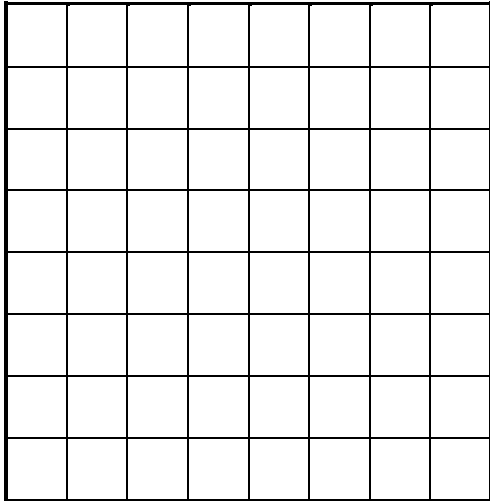
One popular repeating pattern is known as the 'Greek Key'. There are lots of variations. Have a go at completing the Greek Key designs below.



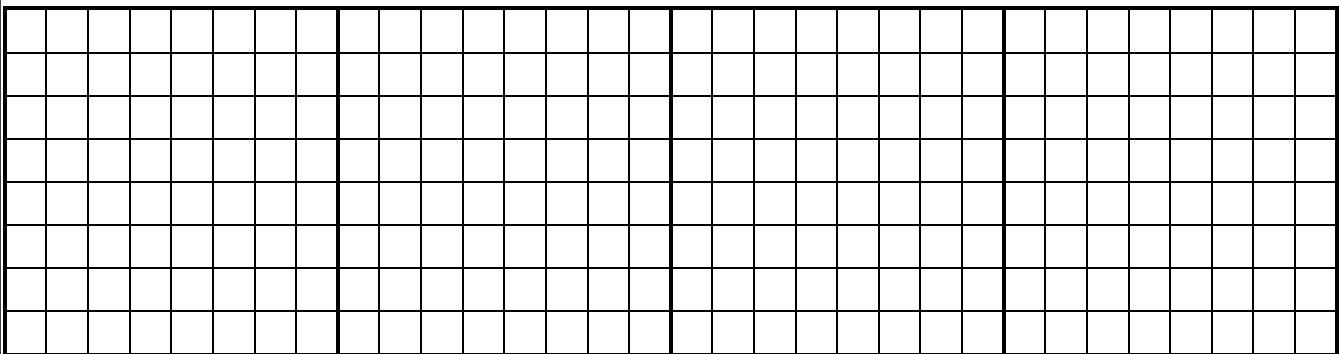
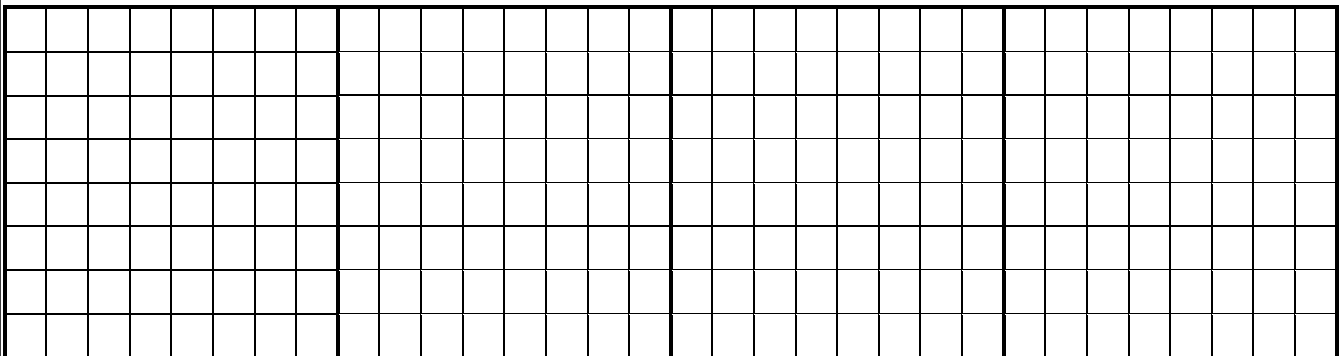
Activity three

Have a go at coming up with your own mosaic designs.

First of all design your patterns in the grids below. You can make them as simple or complicated as you like:



Now repeat your pattern across the grid to make a patterned border.

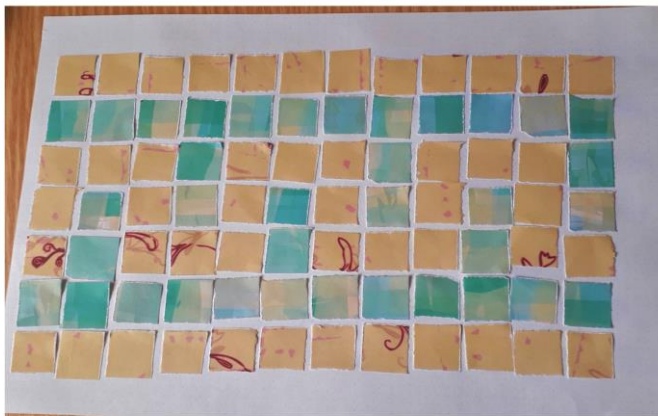


Activity four

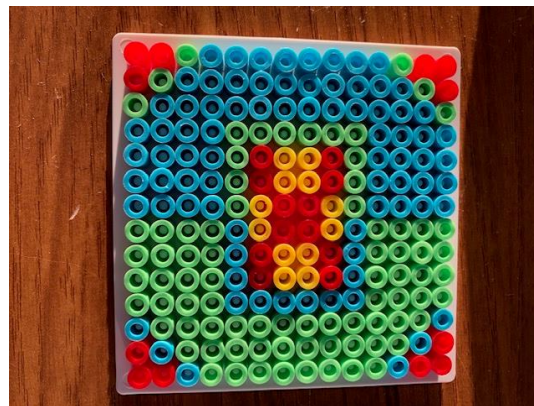
The Romans made their mosaics out of small tiles or tesserae. These were made out of small cubes of stone, ceramic and gem stones.

However, you can make your own mosaic patterns with things you can find at home. Here are a few of our ideas. (Thank you to Adam, Edward, George, Heather, Rosie and Zach for your pictures).

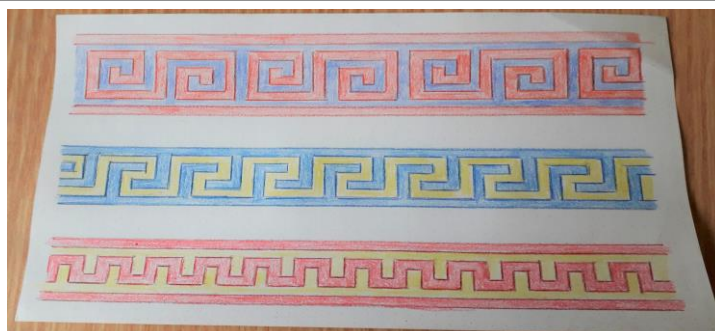
You could use:



Coloured Paper



Hama Beads



Gridded paper

Activity four continued:

Coins



Lego and construction bricks are also popular choices to use: