

Hand Rendered Scatter/ Tossed Repeats



A scattered or tossed repeat pattern is made up of a series of motifs within a repeating tile that are used again and again in a multidirectional way. There is often no clear structure to the pattern, allowing the motif to work quite organically, so getting the right balance can be tricky.

TASK: Nine spot scattered repeat pattern

You will need:

- A sheet of A4 90gsm, plain printer/ photo copier paper
 - A ruler
 - A pencil (and eraser!)
 - A lightbox or a clean window
 - Inspiration aplenty!
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- You are asked to **measure a frame of 2cm on two axis** (one long edge, one short edge) of your A4 paper, marking lightly in pencil. If you have graph paper available to work within a grid system then GREAT, please use this instead.
 - Working within the boundary line **measure every 6cm horizontally and vertically**, to **create a page gridded with a total of nine (3 x 3 rows) 6cm boxes**.
 - Within one of your boxes **draw out a motif/ series of motifs** to compliment your existing repeat pattern ranges. Consider the limited scale and your ability to create great composition within this small space.
 - Now **copy across/ trace the same artwork into the next box**, but **allow the artwork to go in whatever direction you fancy** so long as it fits within the box.
 - **Repeat this exact copy in another random direction for each of the nine boxes**, considering the flow and balance of your scattered repeat as you go. You will make mistakes, so embrace them, and try your best.
 - When you have tossed your motifs into all nine boxes (why we call it a nine spot scattered repeat) place your design on a light box or window and **retrace exactly using a variety of drawing techniques and marks** inspired by your Visual Enquiry II (e.g. monotone Indian ink drawings, oil pastel and resist). Consider adding pattern and textures into your background to add value to your scattered repeats.
 - **Where possible** you might **scan** these into the computer or **copy multiple times** to see how your scatter repeat works when the tile is repeated. Often this will be in a block formation, but could also work really well in a half drop.
 - GOOD LUCK EVERYONE and most importantly STAY SAFE x