

# COLOUR & PATTERN



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TASK

Can you identify the **patterns** above?  
Where would you find these patterns?  
*(For answers, see bottom of page)*

Have a look around your garden or nearby 'green' space. This time we're not looking for insects, but instead are looking for all the interesting **patterns** hidden in the natural environment. You could take some photos of them, or even do some rubbings.

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**Claude Monet** was an Impressionist painter from France. He was interested in the effect light had on the colour of his subjects. He used short broken brushstrokes of colourful oil paint to create an *impression* of what he saw.

**\*\* Look closely at these artworks. How would you make these marks and colours? \*\***

## ARTIST INSPIRATION

### **Wangechi Mutu**

is a Kenyan contemporary artist. She is interested in her history and culture and how that helps form who she is.

She uses drawing, painting and collage techniques. Her work has fantastical qualities.



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*Now it's your turn to make some creative grounds. Consider the colour and pattern in your 'green space' and have some fun recreating it with art materials.....*

**MARBLING**  
With this task, we are going to produce very cool patterns using marbling inks. **Click on the inks** to see where you can buy these. If you can't get them, don't worry, move on to the next task. There are lots of different ways to create interesting grounds.



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**\*\* Watch the demo to learn how to produce marbled paper\*\***



**TASK 1:  
MARBLING**

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## INK WASH

With this task, we are going to produce more cool patterns using drawing inks. **Click on the inks** to see where you can buy these. If you can't get them, don't worry, using any paint with water can create interesting patterns. Allow watercolours to swirl into the wet patches on paper. You could even use natural food colouring such as that of a beetroot!

***\*\* Alternatively, try adding water to newly made felt tip pen scribbles. Some pen marks will 'bleed' when water is dripped onto them. \*\****

***\*\* Watch the demo to learn how to produce an ink wash ground on paper \*\****

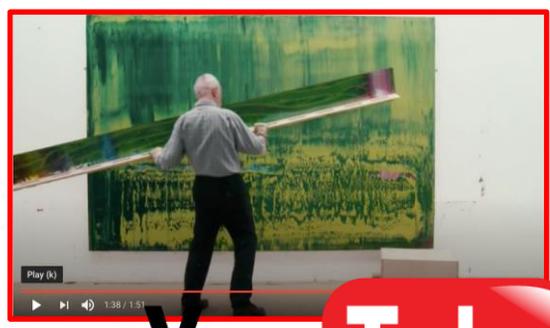


## TASK 2: INK WASH



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## TASK 3: SQUEEGEE PAINTINGS



**\*\* Watch artist Gerhard Richter create his awesome canvases using paint and a squeegee. \*\***



# GERHARD RICHTER

**\*\* Watch my demo to learn how to produce squeegee paintings. \*\***



Why not try your own squeegee paintings? These could make interesting backgrounds for your garden scene.





***\*\* I hope you've had fun creating your backgrounds and collage paper. PLEASE REMEMBER to keep all your work safe as we will be using it, along with your prints from Workshop 1, when we finally create our garden scene in WORKSHOP 3.\*\****



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