

Activity 1 –

African Textiles

African textiles are wonderful designs full of colours, shapes and patterns. Have a look at the images again in the Powerpoint below and decide which one is your favourite. Tell a grown up 3 things that you really like about your favourite one and then have a go at recreating it on a piece of paper using coloured pencils or felt tip pens. You could make yourself a small viewfinder if you want to recreate a small section and enlarge it or have a go at reproducing the whole thing. Remember to draw any pencil outlines with really gentle pencil lines (almost like you're 'tickling the paper!') so they won't show up when you finish.

Activity 2 –

Colour challenge

Use a ruler to divide a piece of A4 paper into 4 equal rectangles then make your own design based on Image 1 in the powerpoint. Choose 4 colours then use only 2 colour in each box. You can recreate the patterns if you'd like but try and choose new colours. You can make this a bit more of a challenge if you choose white as one of the 4 colours.

Activity 3 –

Printing fun!

Maybe you could use some potatoes and ask a grown up to cut them in half and then help you cut some shapes or lines that you choose into the flat surface. You could then print endless designs and variations...remember to wash and dry the potatoes each time you change colour though so you get a nice crisp line along the edges and they don't get too slippery!

Activity 4 –

Painting fun!

If you have some coloured paper at home and some paint you could draw some African inspired patterns using wax crayons (either a white one or a whole range of colours) and then paint across the top to create a relief effect.

Activity 5 –

Swirly, Zig zag and straight lines.

Look carefully at these 3 images again –

Swirly – Images 3 and 7

Zig zag – Image 6

Straight lines – Image 5

Can you have a go at creating your own African designs using just one type of line on each one? You can colour them in afterwards with coloured pencils or felt tip pens to add vibrant colour.

You could make this task more challenging by using the Swiggle search engine to look for other African Textile designs that use these kind of lines as well...there are some amazing ones to be found so enjoy researching! <https://swiggle.org.uk/>