



# Voyage: Through the Islamic Middle East

## Design an Animal Tile



### Step 1. Hunt for the tile

Can you find this tile in a corner of the gallery?  
It is near a large chimneypiece.

Tile, Museum no. 425-1900 ©V&A Images

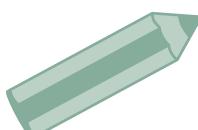


Islamic artists got the ideas for these spotty and stripy designs by looking at the skins of two wild animals.

Which two animals do you think have spots and stripes like these?

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Read the label below to find out if you were right!



### Step 2. Draw spots and stripes

Can you find the same spot and stripe designs on the chimneypiece nearby? Try drawing them below.

Tilework Chimneypiece, 1731. Museum no. 703-1891 ©V&A Images





### **Step 3. Draw your own animal pattern**

Try designing a new pattern based on an animal skin.  
How about drawing the scales of a snake, the stripes of a zebra or the patches of a cow?



### **Step 4. Design an animal pattern tile**

Use your new animal pattern to make your own design for a tile.  
Draw it here.

