



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

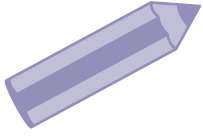


### Step 1. Look at the Chimneypiece

**Find** this large chimneypiece in the gallery. **Look** at it carefully. Can you see the plants and flowers on the tiles? The potters only used a few colours to decorate the tiles. What colours can you see?

### Step 2. Find other Ottoman tiles

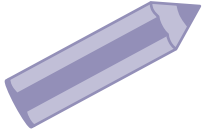
Look around for other tiles with similar patterns and colours. Like the chimneypiece they were made in the Ottoman Empire. This great Empire, which had its capital in what is now Turkey, covered enormous amounts of land in Europe, Asia and Africa and was particularly powerful 400 years ago.



### Step 3. Copy tile patterns

Choose some patterns you like from the tiles.  
Try drawing them here.

A large, empty rectangular box with a dark blue border, intended for drawing or copying tile patterns. The box is centered on the page and occupies most of the lower half.



Make a **symmetrical** pattern for your own tile design.  
Draw your pattern in one section and then **repeat** it each  
side of the dotted lines, as if it were reflected in a mirror.

