Investigating Patterns

Learning Objective:

To be able to use printing to create a pattern.

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What have you learnt so far about patterns? Which of your patterns so far do you like best and why?

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Today you will be making a pattern using printing. What is printing? How does it work?

Talk to a partner about your ideas.

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Follow the steps on the next slides to make a pattern using printing.

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Draw the shape you would like to use on a thick piece of card.

Glue around the edges of the shape you have drawn.

Take a piece of string and carefully glue it to the card following the lines of your shape.
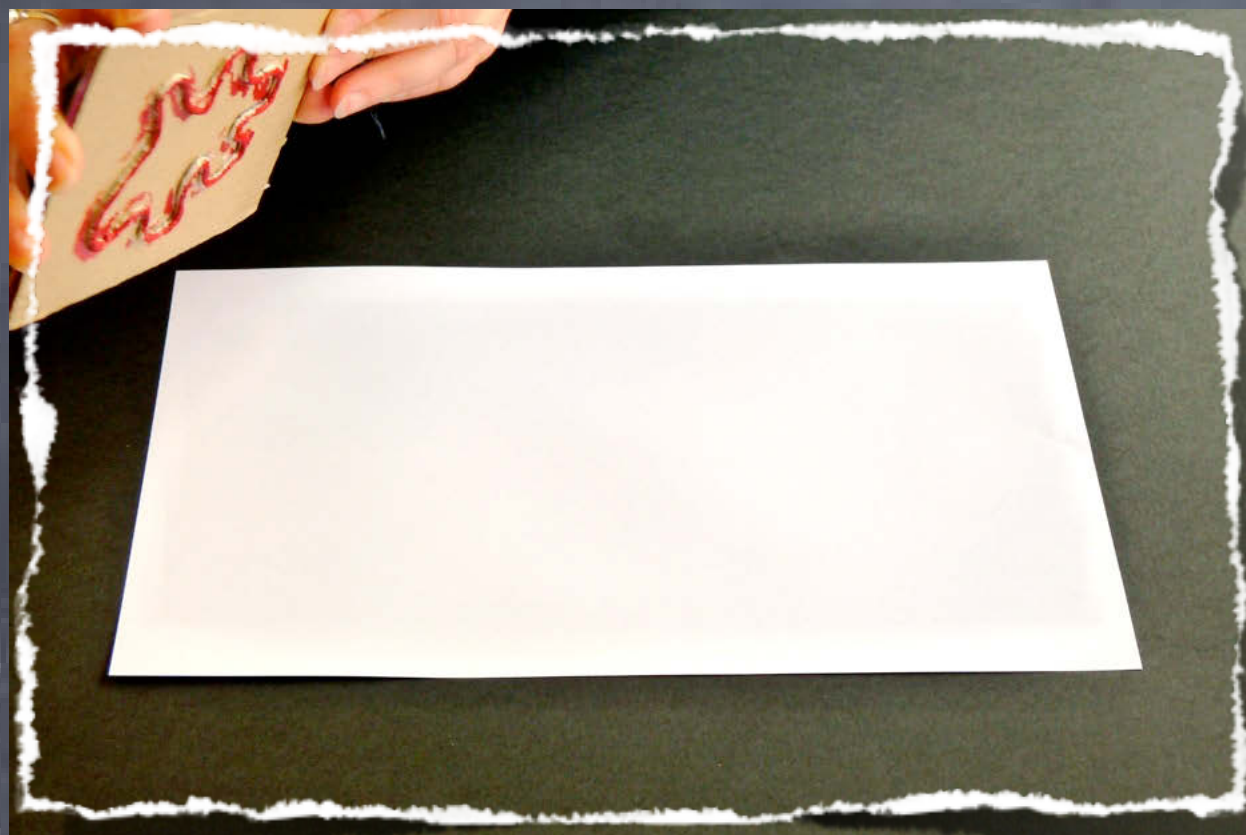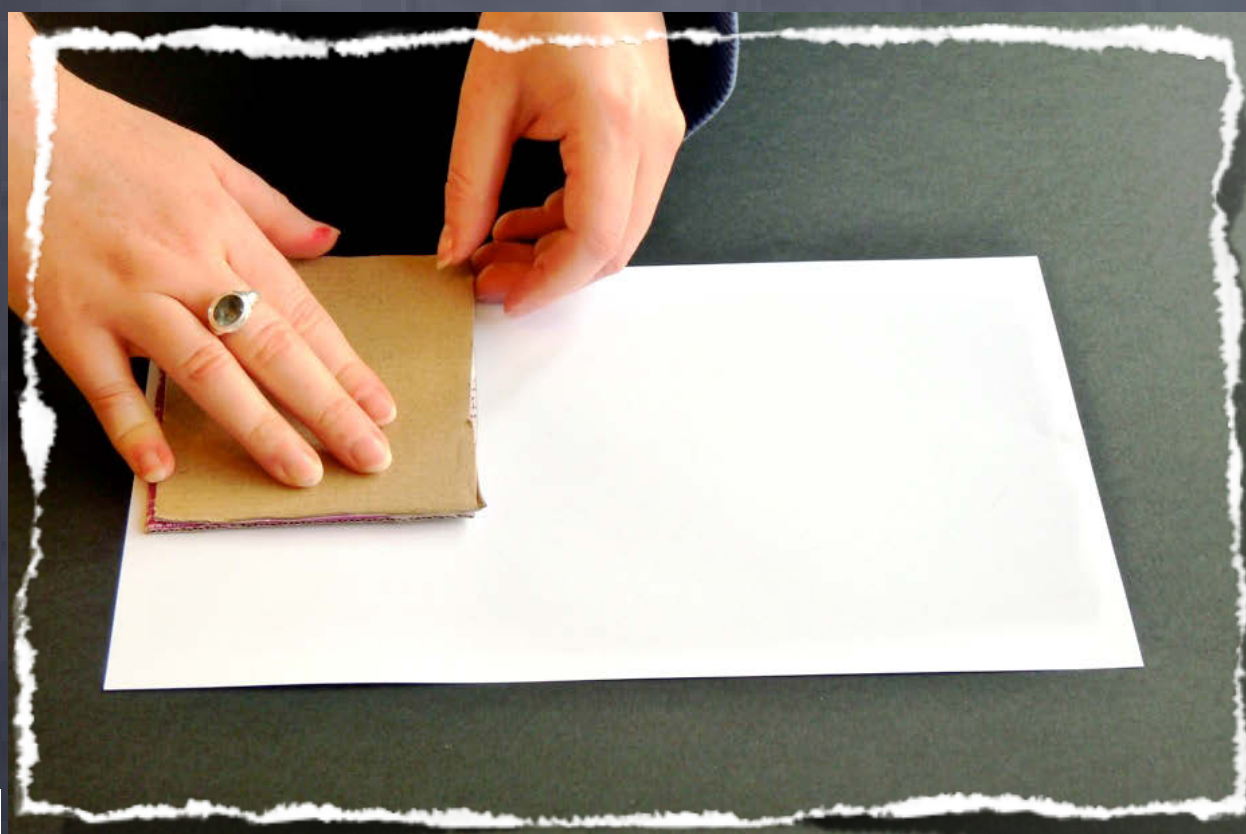
Paint a layer of paint over the top of the string, making sure you cover it all evenly.

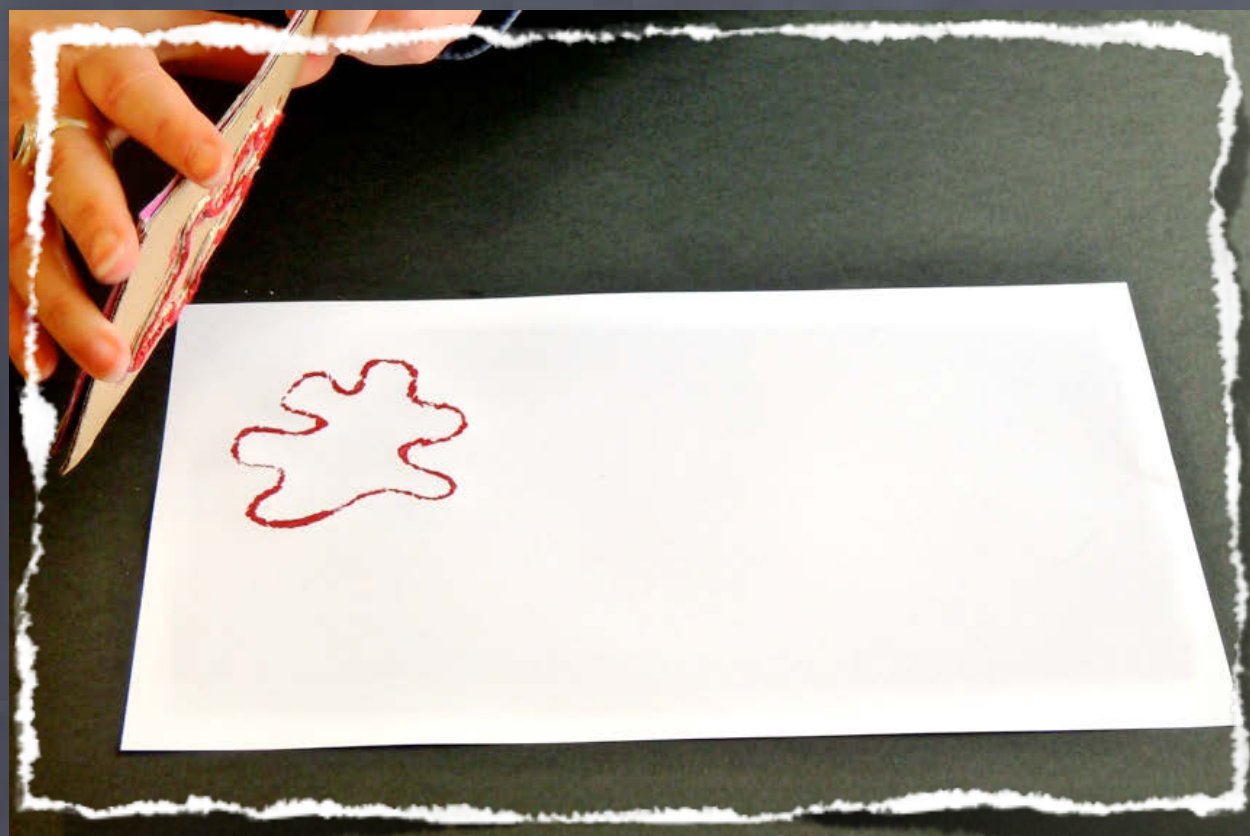Take a sheet of paper and decide where you would like to make your first print.

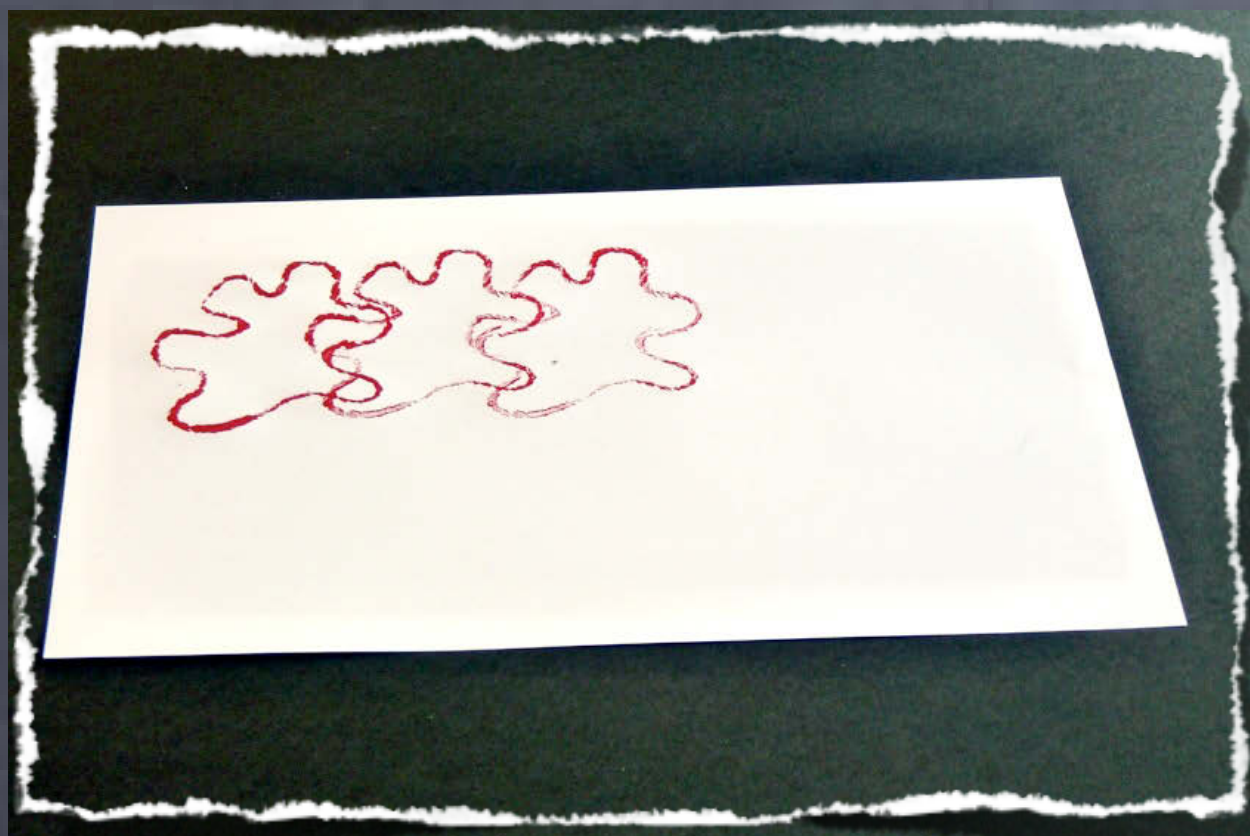Press the print down and gently press over the whole area.

Carefully take the print off the paper to ensure you don't smudge the paint.

Repeat the process to make a pattern with your print. You may need to put new paint on each time.

What design will you make?

Will your pattern be symmetrical? Will the shapes overlap? Will it be a reflection?
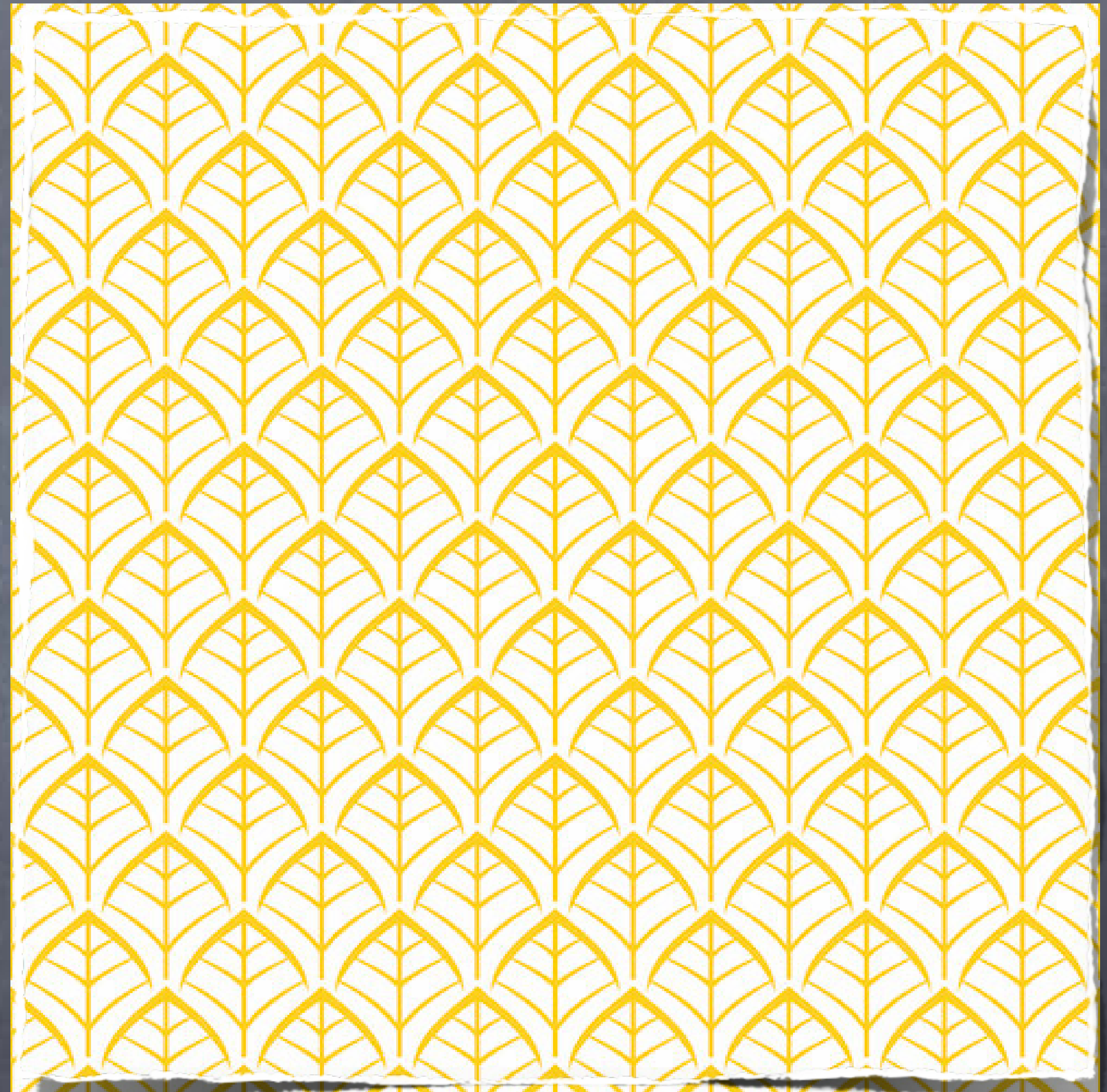
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Remember, you will only use one colour! How will you make your pattern interesting?

What techniques could you use?