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ISLAMIC ART
Working With Pattern
Islamic Designs

Muslim: follows Islamic principles from Mohamed / message from Allah (God)
Contain geometry and geometrical forms that contain symbolism: harmony & order
Squares, Hexagons, Triangles, Octagons, Stars, Circles, Pointed Circles, Spirals, etc.
“Key” patterns (that “fit” into each other) & changes in Size and Scale
Architecture strictly conforms to geometric principles
Typically designs and patterns cover entire surface / Colors & Shapes had symbolism
Designs often units that can be repeated: circles, squares, triangles, stars, polygons
Designs often interlock and rotate around an axis
Arabesque: Leaf scrolls, plants, vines, flowers (Lotus) Represent “Divine Presence”
“Palmette” pattern (2 curving petals flanking a central lobe)
Illuminations Calligraphy and Arabic writing included in many designs
Qur’an is very important/ Quotes often used.
Human and animal figures rarely occurred in religious contexts
(Religious buildings or manuscripts of the Koran)
Domestic objects contain many references to humans & animals (rabbits, birds, etc.)
Earlier designs reflect Egyptian influences (lotus flowers & geometry)
Later designs reflect Oriental influences (lotus & other plants)
Square/Octagon: Water/Earth/Fire/Air  Triangle: Ingestion/Digestion/Excretion
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Islamic Design

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