Introducing Repetition

Learning about the principles of design? Continue by noticing repetition in works of art. Repetition is when the same symbol, shape, or pattern is repeated to make the artwork look active. Look at the plate below. What forms of repetition do you see?

Unknown maker, English
Heraldic Panel, about 1520
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

Draw a pattern that you see repeating in the work of art.
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Build your knowledge of repetition. Notice how the artist created repetition with symbols and shapes below. Use the chart below to create a pattern of repetition.

Pick a symbol, shape, or pattern and draw it in each of the boxes below. Use different colors in each box to create a pattern of repetition.