

# Knowledge Map:

# PATTERN

## Pattern

A design that is created by repeating lines, shapes, tones or colours. The design used to create a pattern is often referred to as a **motif**. Motifs can be simple shapes or complex arrangements.



Most Haida objects are decorated with crests, figures of animals, birds, sea creatures and mythic beings. They immediately identify the moiety (Raven or Eagle) and often the lineage of the owner.



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Patterns can be **man-made**, like a design on fabric.

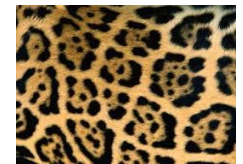
Haida crest



Relief is a sculptural method in which the sculpted pieces are bonded to a solid background of the same material.



Patterns can be **natural**, such as the markings on animal fur.



**Embellish** means to make beautiful by **ornamentation**, to **adorn** or to add fanciful details.

**Ornamentation** is decorative elements added to something to enhance its appearance.

**Adorn** means to make more beautiful or attractive.

**Haida** are an indigenous group who have traditionally occupied Haida Gwaii just off the coast of British Columbia Canada, for at least 12,500 years.

The Haida are known for their craftsmanship, trading skills, and seamanship.



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