

Art Leads the Way: Create a Fabric Design

Couturiers (fashion designers) are influenced by the art movements and artists of their time in the design of fabrics as well as clothing. **Art Nouveau** produced curvy, organic designs, while **Art Deco** clothes were streamlined with shiny fabrics. With **Cubism**, it was all about shape - the shape of the tubular flapper dresses and cloche hats. Designers often used **motifs** and **colors** of artists such as Picasso and Mondrian. Can you do the same?

Create your own **fabric design** using an element from the works on display in the exhibit, *Ponstingl: Dreams of Past Futures*. Explore the exhibit to find an element in a work of art that you will use. Then, use this element to turn it into a fabric or a full garment design.

Write down the title of the artwork that you have selected:

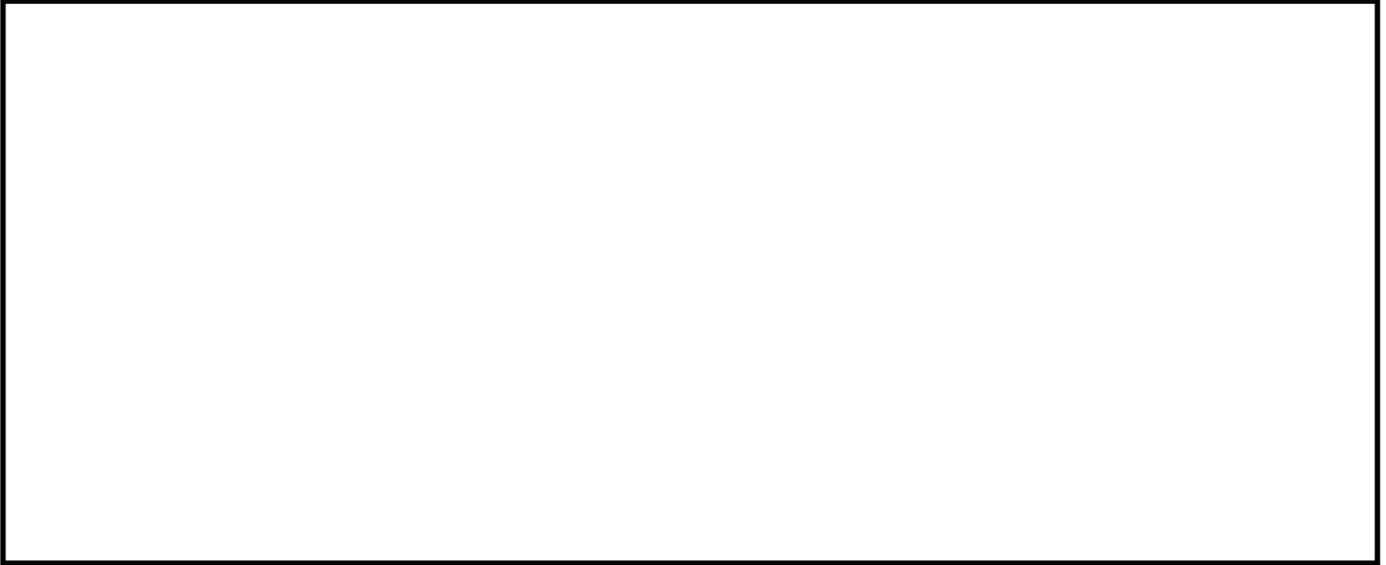
Why did you select this artwork?

What element have you chosen from this work?

Why did you choose the element?

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Draw the element in the space below or on a separate piece of paper. Then, use it to answer some of the questions below.



Experiment with scale (size) of the element.

- Would it look better in a small size, repeated all over? Or larger to cover lots of area?

Play with the placement of the element.

- Does the way the element is placed on the fabric make a difference?
- How interesting is it to turn it upside down? How does it look when you place it sideways?
- Does the amount of space between repeated elements make a difference?

Think about color.

- Try drawing the element in different colors. What changes?
- Would you like to use warm or cool colors?
- How will the color choices affect the look of the final design?

Think about what type of material you will use to execute this design.

- Perhaps you want to knit the design into a sweater, or use it to make a T-Shirt. Different types of materials will give you a different look.

Now, think of a garment that you would use this fabric design for.

- Sketch it on another piece of paper and share it with your classmates!