

# The Battle of San Romano

c.1438-40

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Term 6 Art project WEEK 5

# Investigating Patterns



Paolo Uccello, *Niccolò Mauruzi da Tolentino at the Battle of San Romano*, c. 1438-40, Rm 59  
The National Gallery, London

The painting of "The Battle of San Romano" contains lots of patterns. Some of the patterns repeat, some are decorative, some **geometric\*** and some **asymmetric\***.

Last lesson we looked at the hat and you had to create a mood board of different hats in art. The pictures of hats you found probably had a pattern on them.

This week we shall investigate patterns.



\*Keywords:

**geometric**

decorated with regular lines and shape

**asymmetric**

lacking symmetry - irregular shaped and not proportioned

# Some Patterns that can be found in "The Battle"



Investigating Patterns.

Furniture  
and

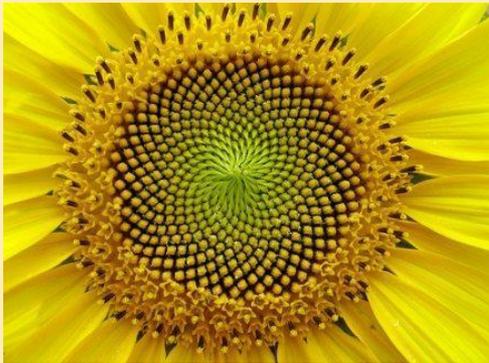
Decorative Objects.

# What are patterns?

Patterns are repeating designs that can be found in nature, or they can be man-made or synthetic.

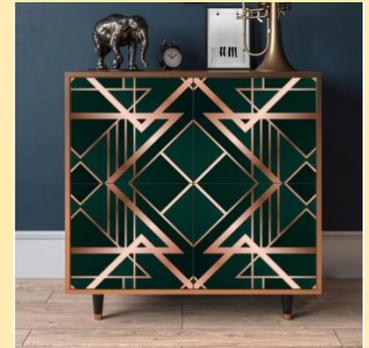
## Natural Patterns:

Found in flowers, plants, vegetation and animal prints.

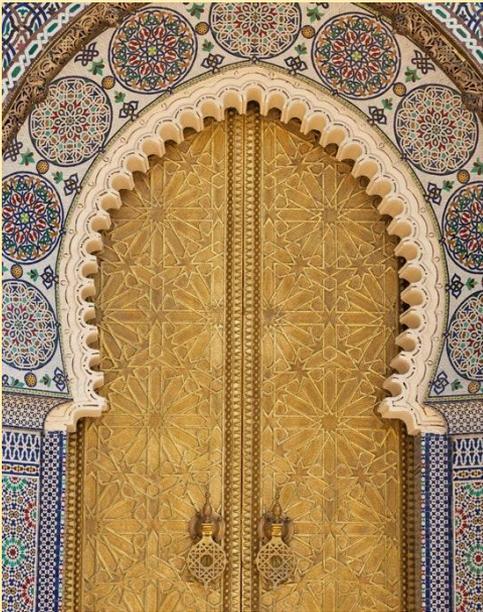


## Synthetic patterns:

Patterns can often be found in decorative objects, furniture and furnishings, papers, fabrics and in all sorts of design.



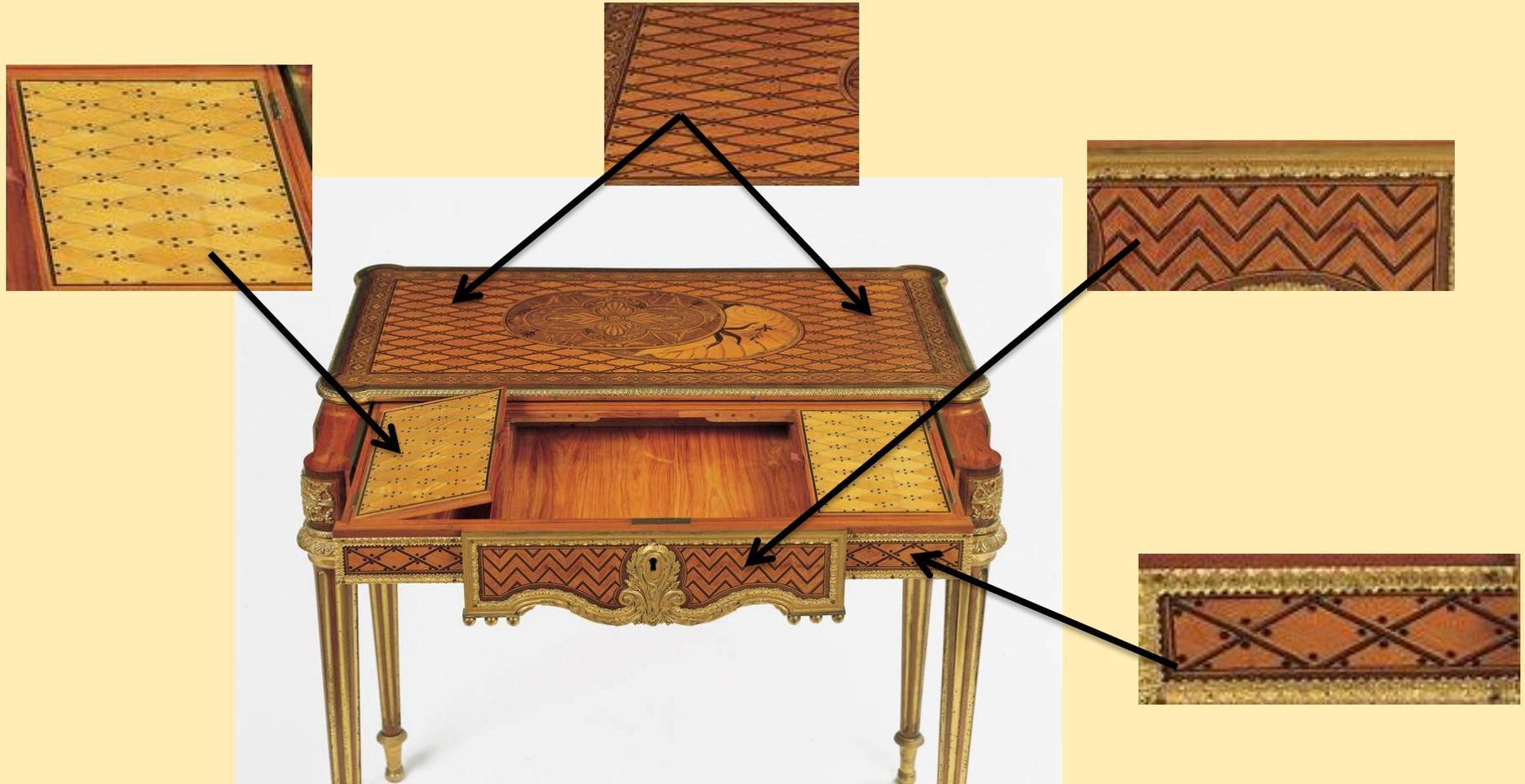
# Patterns can be found in buildings and architecture



Let's look at some pieces of grand furniture  
that show a mixture of repeating patterns

# How many different patterns?

Here are some, but can you find more?



Toilet table, c. 1788 - 90. Bernard Molitor



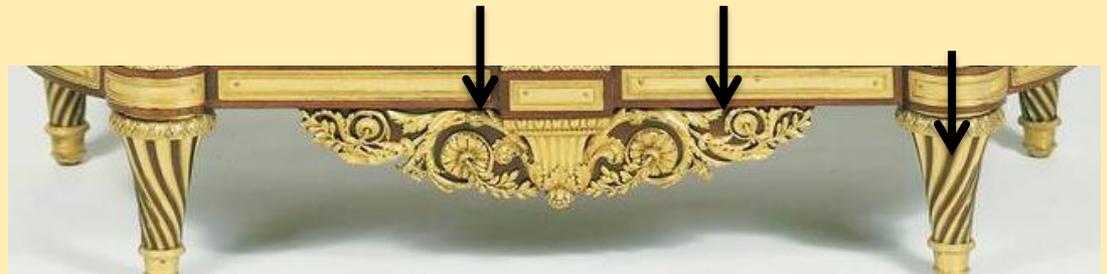
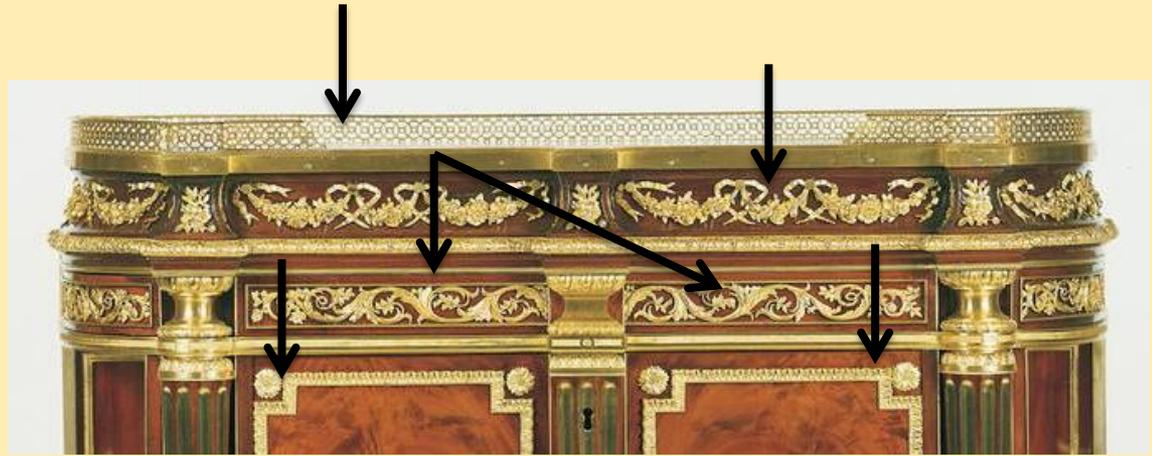
Writing and toilet table, c. 1763-4

You can see floral and geometric **marquetry\*** on this table

\*Key word: **marquetry**

Inlaid work made from small pieces of coloured wood or other materials, used for the decoration of furniture.

Can you find the patterns?



Fall-front desk, c. 1790

# TASK: Investigate patterns in and around your home

1. Take photographs of different patterns that you can find in your home and/or garden
2. Draw the different patterns that you find
3. Email your photos and drawings to me at:

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Examples of patterns:

