Floral Print Drawing: Motif Repeats and Pattern Layout

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

A panel is 12 cm wide and 8 cm high. You choose a 4 cm by 4 cm repeat unit. How many repeats fit across and down, and where do the motif centres sit in a straight repeat?

Answer: Across: 12 divided by 4 equals 3 repeats. Down: 8 divided by 4 equals 2 repeats. In a straight repeat, motif centres sit at the centre of each square: across at 2 cm, 6 cm, and 10 cm from the left edge; down at 2 cm and 6 cm from the top edge. These are hypothetical example measurements; measure your own panel.