Otis Art At Home Free Online Class: Create Your Own Surface Design Patterns

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Make a Complex Repeating Pattern with the Wraparound Method

1. Cut letter size paper to 8-1/2" x 8-1/2" square
2. Discard the scrap paper
3. Now get ready to design your pattern
4. Sketch your design > stay in the center away from all edges
5. Fill in your design with black marker or any color medium of your choice
6. Flip your design to the back side of paper > divide into 4 equal squares > then label each square with A, B, C & D
7. Cut the paper into 4 pieces > Note the position of each square & letter
8. Move B and D to the left of A and C
9. Move B and A down below D and C
10. Align the 4 pieces and tape together
11. Flip your design to the front side; Now the center area is empty
12. Sketch new design elements to fill in the area
13. Fill in your design with medium of your choice
14. Flip to back side and remove the tape
15. Reposition the pieces into the original placement
16. Tape together
17. Place design against a clean background to photograph or scan if available

Test Your Pattern Using a Collage App

1. Open your photo in the Photo App; Select Edit

2. Adjust contrast and brightness if desired

3. Use the crop tool to delete excess background; the final result is a clean square image

4. Download any free collage app on your phone; PicPlayPost is used for this demo

5. Select "Create a Collage"

6. Choose the layout with 4 equal squares

7. Click on any square to start

8. Select Photo to import your image

9. After one image is placed, continue to next square

10. Continue placing the same image until all squares are filled

11. Save this image by clicking the green arrow in top right

12. Now select "Style" button at bottom left

13. Using the top slider, slide button to the left to eliminate the margins

14. Your 4 images are now butted and you can see how your design repeats; Save and Share on Instagram with the hashtag #OtisArtAtHome