

BONUS: SURFACE PATTERN DESIGN REFERENCE GUIDE DEFINITIONS

Animal Print

A print that resembles the fur or skin of an animal

Argyle

A pattern made up diamond shapes alternating in a checkboard pattern



Asymmetrical

A pattern that lacks any visible sign of symmetry, therefore no clear centrepoint

Basket Weave

A woven fabric with a pattern that resembles basketwork



Batik

A method of creating patterns in fabric by using a wax resist and then dyeing over the top giving a tie-dyed appearance

Camouflage

A pattern that blends together to conceal the motif/object so you can't easily recognise what it is

Chevron

A zig zag pattern with alternating stripes



Colourways

The same design replicated in different colour schemes

Damask

A reversible jacquard fabric usually one colour with a pattern woven into it

Gingham

A woven fabric made up of alternating squares



Harlequin

A repeating pattern of elongated diamond shapes



Houndstooth

A design made up of broken checks that are created by four-pointed shapes resembling a canine tooth



Ikat

A decorative technique in which warp or weft threads, or both, are tie-dyed before weaving

Medalion

A pattern featuring a large circular design which is ornamental and intricate

Motif

A dominant feature or idea that recurs within a design

Pinstripe

A design made up of very narrow stripes

Plaid

A design that features crossing stripes of colour, most often at right angles

**Seamless Pattern**

A design where you are unable to detect where the pattern starts and finishes

Trellis

A design made up of lines that are interwoven and sometimes decorated with foliage, climbing vines or flowers

Warp

The vertical yarns in woven fabrics that are held in tension on the loom

Weft

The threads in a woven fabric that go from selvedge to selvedge