

Al-Aqsa heritage explorer

Notice historic architecture, ask thoughtful questions and design an original pattern.

1 / READ AND NOTICE

A historic setting

Jerusalem's Old City is a historic walled area. Its buildings tell many stories about architecture and care.

One named landmark

The Dome of the Rock dates to the seventh century. Its decoration includes geometric and floral designs.

More than one building

The Qibli Mosque is inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque / Al-Haram Al-Sharif compound. A compound can include buildings and open spaces.

Look carefully

The Dome of the Rock is not the name of the whole compound. On these activity pages, separate sketches are not a map.

Read for architecture and heritage context only. No conflict, ownership, legal-status or worship instructions are included.

Sources and exact reading answers are on page 4.

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Return to the reading page whenever you wish. Talk or write: both are welcome.

2 / NOTICE AND ASK

1. In which city is this heritage area?

2. Which named landmark dates to the seventh century?

3. Name the two kinds of decoration in the reading.

4. Is the Qibli Mosque inside or outside the compound?

5. Why might an old building need careful maintenance?

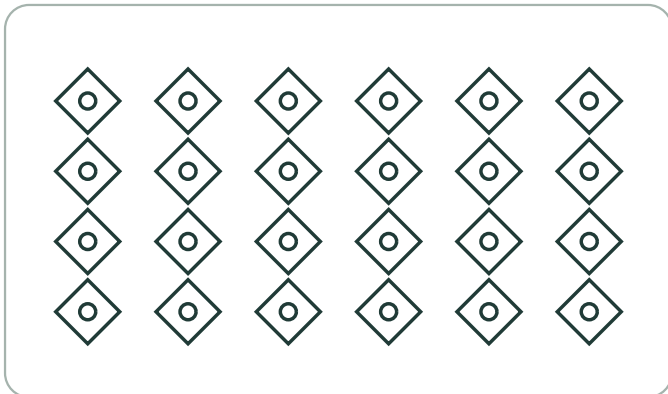
The last question invites discussion. There is no single required opinion.

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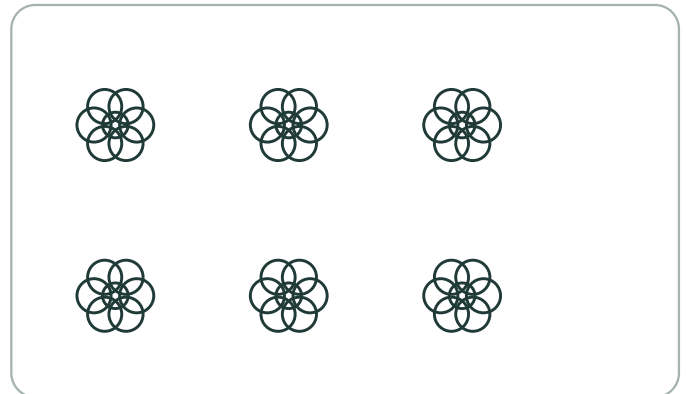
Use simple shapes or flowers to make a new pattern of your own.

3 / PATTERN STUDIO

These examples are our own notebook patterns, not copies of landmark decoration.



Geometric idea



Floral idea

Create a repeating pattern here. Add colour if you wish. Your design need not match any building.

One shape or detail I chose:

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Check reading facts, then leave space for curiosity and creative answers.

4 / PARENT KEY AND SOURCES

1. City

Jerusalem.

2. Landmark

The Dome of the Rock.

3. Decoration

Geometric and floral designs.

4. Compound context

The Qibli Mosque is inside the compound.

5. Care and maintenance

Open discussion. Weather, wear and preservation may be useful starting points; no single answer is marked.

Art and source boundary

Drawings and patterns in this pack are original, simplified activities. They are not a site survey, reconstruction or factual colour guide. Source-linked reading is not qualified religious instruction or teacher review.

Primary source records

UNESCO - Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls

UNESCO - decision 40 COM 7A.13: Qibli Mosque context

Source references checked 11 October 2026. No photographs or source artwork reused.
