

The Alhambra

The Alhambra in Granada, Spain



Where is the Granada region of Spain?



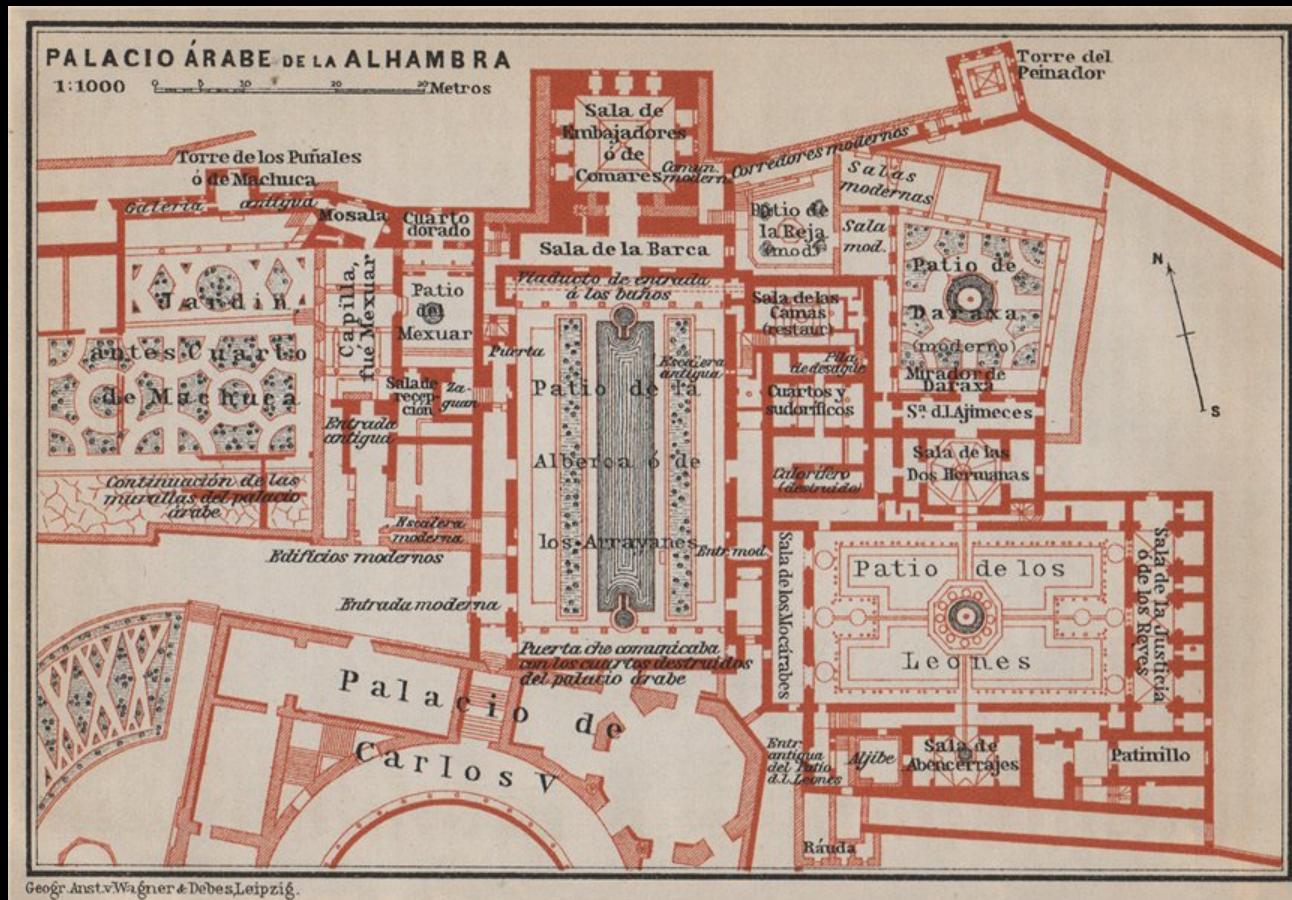


What type of building is a palace?

Who lives in a palace?

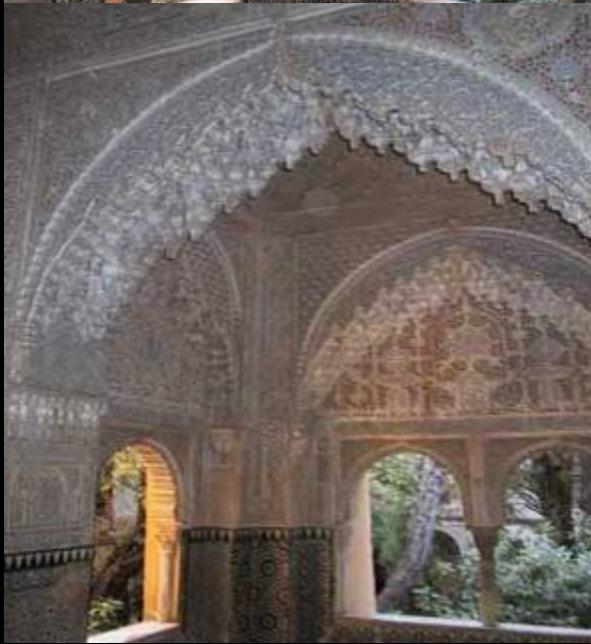
- “*al-hamra*” - Arabic for “*the red*”
- built from 1338-1390
- consistent with the Moorish tradition of architecture
- materials include: marble, ceramic tile, stucco, wood, and stone

The palace covers about 35 acres, one and a half mile of hilltop & at one time included government buildings, royal residences, mosques, baths, servants quarters, barracks, stables, workshops & gardens.



A floor plan is a drawing that shows the layout of the rooms in a building.

Throne Room



Patio de los Leones



Patio de los Arrayanes



The Alhambra in San Francisco

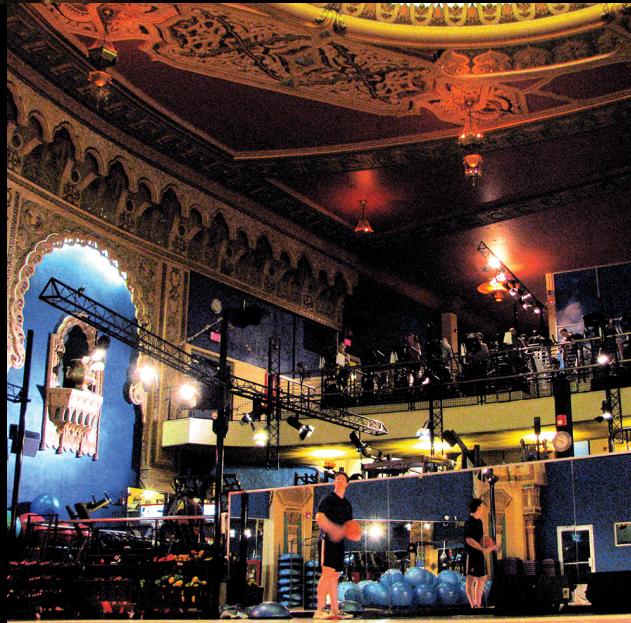


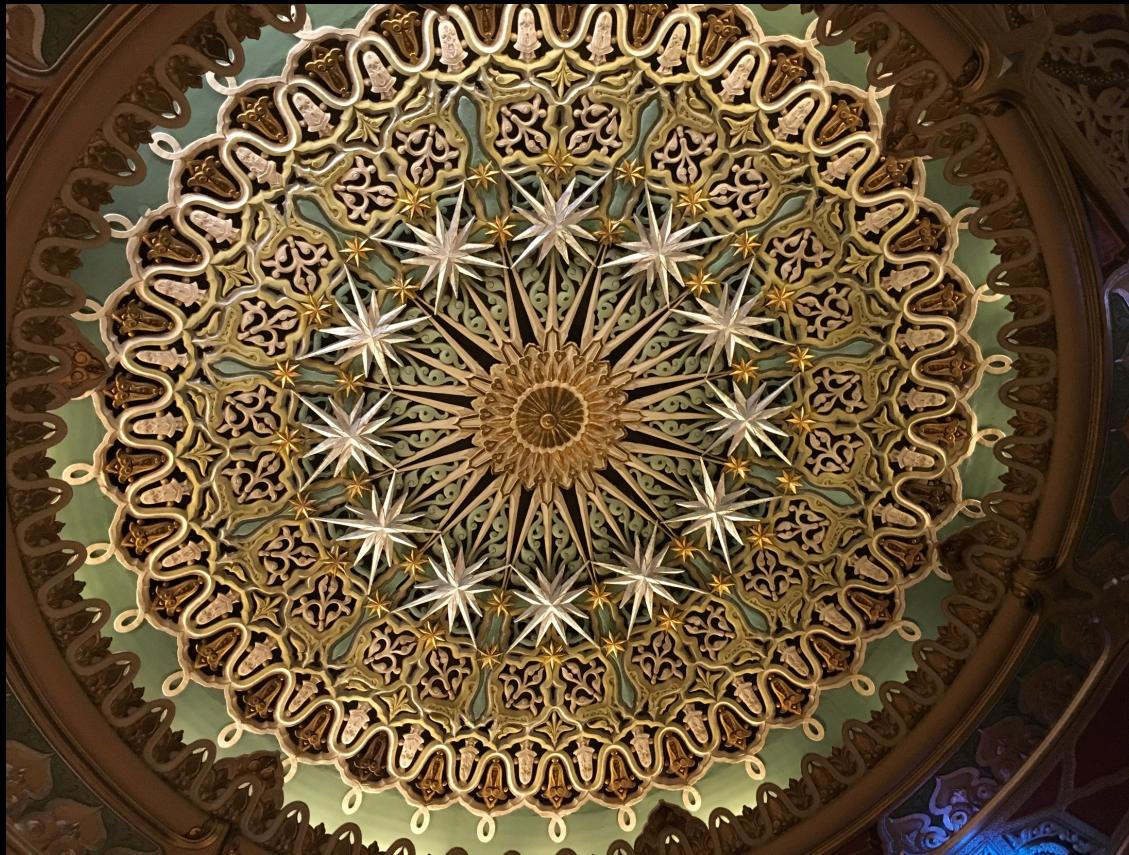


Then



Today





Pattern: a repeated decorative design



What patterns can you identify in this room?

What patterns can you find in the room we are in today?

Where can you find patterns in your home?

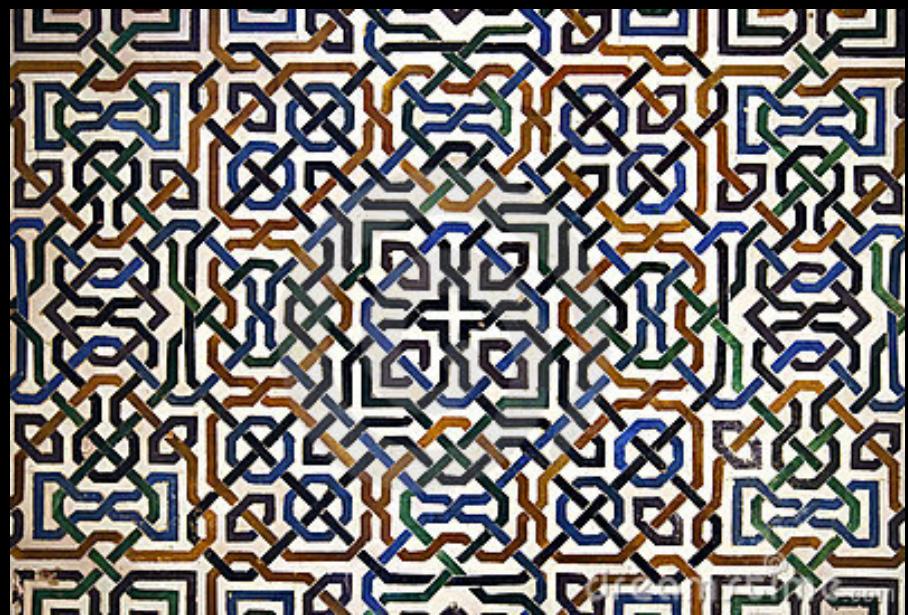
More patterns

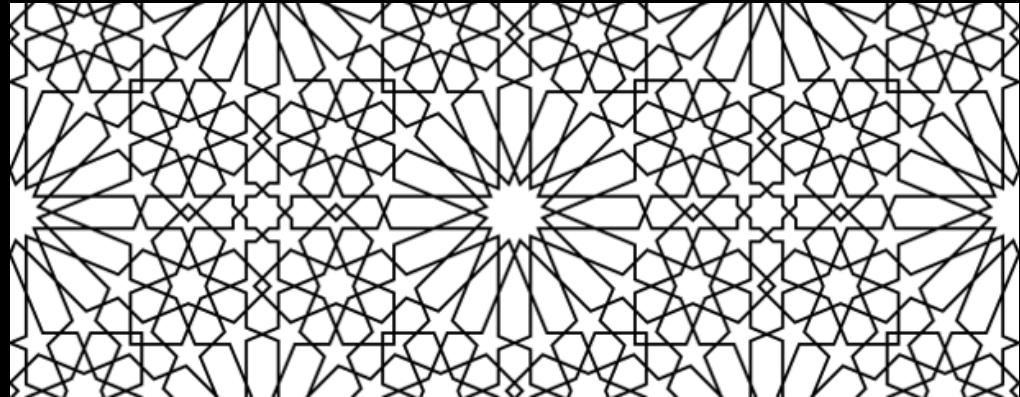
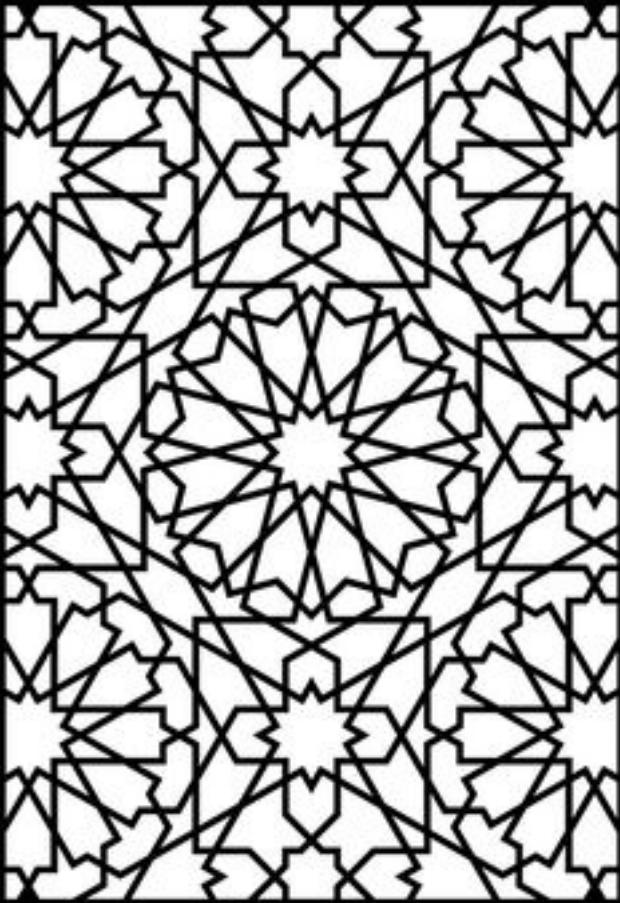


Geometric designs were seen as unifying the material and the spiritual worlds together. These patterns may be seen as symbolizing the Islamic principles of 'Tawhid' (the unity of all things) and 'Mizan' (order and balance), which are the laws of creation in Islam.

What unifies these patterns?

What shapes or colors are repeated?





1. Select 3-4 colors.
2. Color the shapes to create patterns.
3. Share in a gallery walk.

