

M.C. Escher

Facts

Dutch graphic artist born in 1898 and died in 1972.

Although Escher's work is very mathematical, he was not very good at maths at school

Famous for his tessellations: Tessellation is dividing a plane (surface/side) in to multiple tiles with no overlaps or gaps.

He was a pioneer of impossible art.

Many films, TV programmes, adverts are inspired by his work.

Escher told stories by morphing tessellated patterns into graphic images.

As well as being a graphic artist, he was an illustrator, designed murals and even postage stamps!



Key Words

Tessellation	a repeated pattern of one or more shapes. For a pattern to truly be a tessellation, the shapes can't overlap and can have no spaces between them.
Pioneer	A person who is among the first to create or develop a new idea.
Monochrome	Work of one colour
Tint	Adding white to a colour
Shade	Adding black to a colour.

Knowledge and Skills Progression

I can explain what a tessellation is.

I can recall facts about M.C. Escher.

I can work accurately and create a tessellation

I can experiment with mood using colour (monochrome)

I can produce work of different tints and shades within the same colour palette

I can use repeat pattern in design

I can evaluate my work (suggesting improvements)