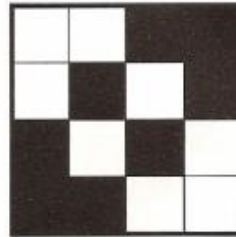
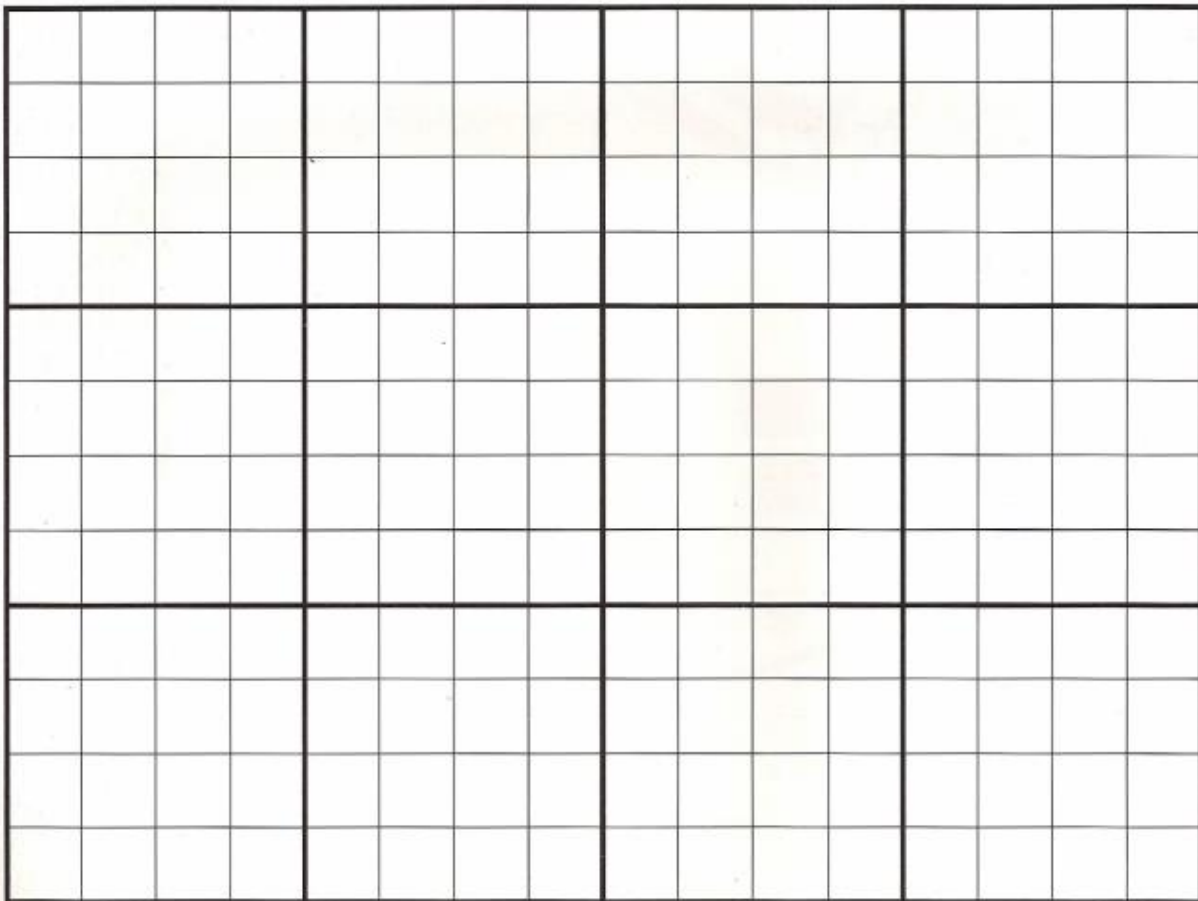


Here are some more examples of Roman mosaic floor patterns. These are based on 4 x 4 square grids.

Choose one main design plus one or two others. Design a floor using the grid below. Make sure you repeat the main pattern alternately with your other grid patterns.




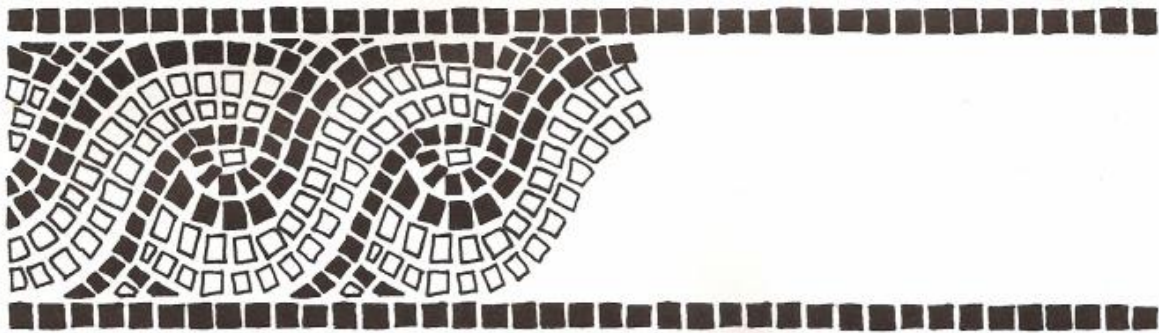
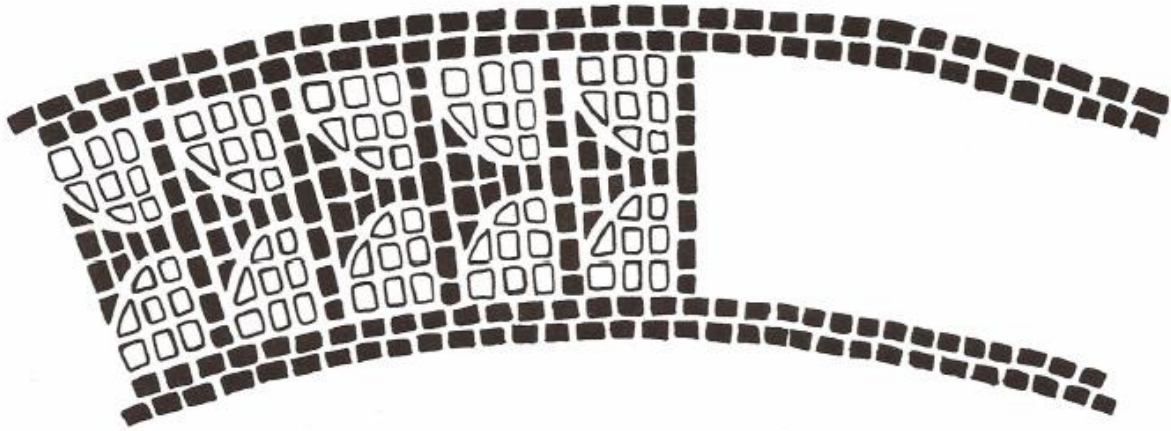
Colour in the squares of the pattern using the same colours as the Romans did: use only orange, brown, black – and don't forget the white squares in between!



There's a sheet with more squared paper at the bottom of the document if you want to design more border patterns.

Look at these Roman border patterns found in mosaics and other Roman objects.

 Can you copy each of them across the page?



The patterns on the floor

The pattern on this page comes from a mosaic floor in the Roman villa at Hinton St. Mary, Dorset. It was made about AD 350. The fruit in the centre panel are pomegranates, symbol of eternal life. Because of that, and because the X and P behind the head are the first letters of the name of Christ in Greek, we think that the figure is that of Christ and that the people who lived in this villa were Christians. Christianity had been the official religion of the Roman Empire since the time of the emperor Constantine.



*Can you finish the patterns?
There are some dots to help you.*

