Chinese Collection: A closer look at designs

Ritual covered wine vessel, fangyi, Bronze, late Shang dynasty, c.1250-1050 BC © Compton Verney

Taking time to make close observations, make sketches and collect images you are drawn to is a great starting point for your own design and art work.

Take a really close look at the intricate patterns found on the objects and ritual bronze vessels in the Chinese Collection.

Follow this link to look closely it will take you to the gallery guide which includes lots of fascinating images.

Don’t forget to double click on the images to enlarge them

Spend some time looking at the different objects, what do you notice? What shapes and pattern stand out to you?

Are they just patterns or do they resemble something?

Share your observations with someone at home

Challenge:

Focus on 2 or 3 objects

Try to recreate the patterns you can see, sketch them onto paper or a notepad

Really try to copy the detail and shapes

Make a variety of sketches, they can be of a whole design or of a detail

Keep them safe, you can use these sketches to help with the next activity!

You will need:

Paper or sketch book

Pencils, pens

Focus and concentration!

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Some examples to get started. But take a close look at the images on our website.

Ritual wine vessel, zhi, Bronze, early Western Zhou dynasty, c.1050-950 BC © Compton Verney

Ritual wine vessel, hu, Bronze, late Western Zhou dynasty, c.850-771 BC © Compton Verney

Ritual wine vessel and cover, you (detail) © Compton Verney