

ZELLIJ

ORNATE ISLAMIC TILEWORK

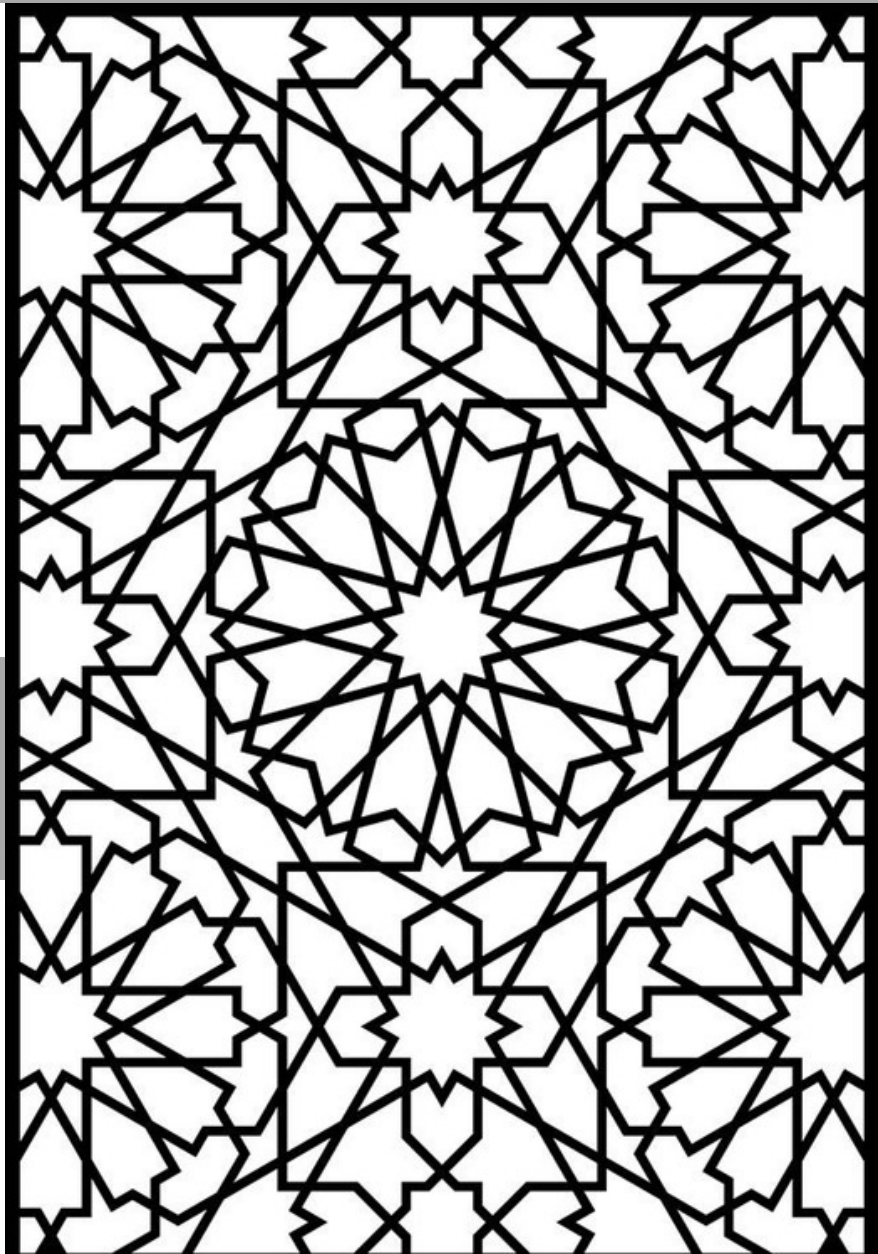
Zellij is a geometric mosaic style that decorated many mosques and madrasas in Islamic Spain and Morocco. Tiles are glazed with bright colors, and then cut into small shapes. Then the shapes are assembled like puzzles to make beautiful designs.

Throughout history, diplomats and kings would marvel at the skills of Islamic craftspeople, whose flawless designs were as impressive as paintings or murals. These Islamic mosaics were treasured around the world.

SACRED GEOMETRY

Zellij is made of abstract patterns as a way of praising Allah. These represent nature and the balance of mathematics, and reflect the beauty that Allah has created in our world!

Can you find snowflakes, stars, and flowers in the shapes of the zellij? What other parts of nature does zellij make you think about?



**COLOR YOUR OWN ZELLIJ
PATTERN JUST LIKE JAIDE!**