

# Traditional Māori patterns

## What you need:

- Printer
- Colouring felts or pencils
- Scissors
- Tape

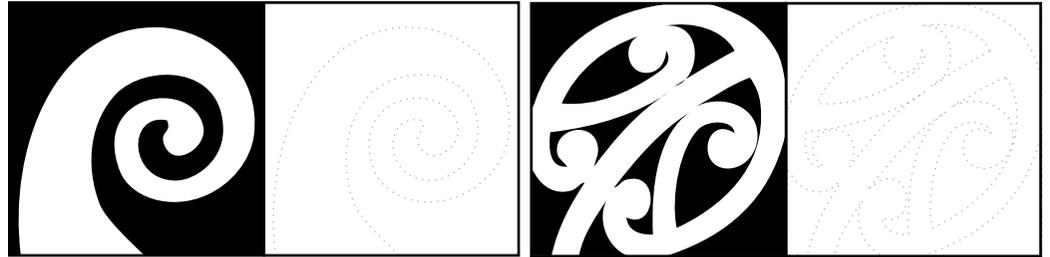
Make a headband, and then see if you can find traditional Māori patterns in the Tangata Whenua gallery.

## What to do:

1. Have a go at drawing each pattern, then pick your favourite one.
2. Draw your chosen pattern on the two headband templates below. Cut out the templates once you're done.
3. Attach the two strips of the headband together at one end with a piece of sticky tape.
4. Trim the headband so that it fits around your head, then stick the remaining two ends together to make a circle. Your pattern should be on the outside of the headband.

Many traditional Māori patterns are inspired by items found in nature. They are often coloured red, black, and white.

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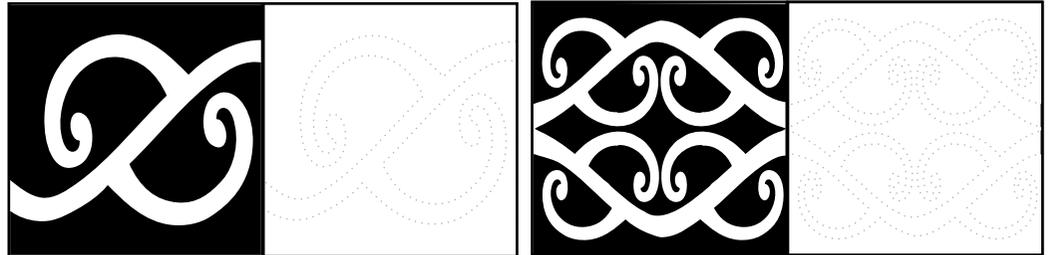


### Koru

This pattern is thought to be like the pītau, the spiral shoot of a fern.

### Mangōpare

This pattern is shaped to look like a hammerhead shark.



### Pūhoro

This pattern is drawn to look like the waves of the ocean.

### Pātiki

This pattern is in the shape of the sand flounder.

