Mondays with MoMA

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Step 1
Look closely

Questions
1. How does the artist use lines, shapes, and colors in this work?
2. Can you identify the pattern the artist is making?
3. Can you find where the artist changed the pattern?

Step 2
Learn more

Anni Albers was a weaver. A weaver is an artist who uses a loom to create fabric, either for clothing, furniture, or to make artworks.

Anni Albers made detailed drawings to make sure that her weavings came out the way she wanted. Even though Albers created the design, the tapestry was often woven by a group of other weavers.

Step 3
Activity: Create your own pattern

Materials*:* Paper and pencil or pen.
(*Optional*: colored pencils or markers)

1. Decide what your pattern is going to be. You can do different shapes in one color, or one shape in different colors, or a combination of the two. Your pattern can be as long or as short as you like.
2. Start at one corner of a piece of paper and fill the entire sheet with your pattern. How many times does your pattern repeat?
3. Think of how your pattern could be used - wall hanging, clothing, giftwrap, furniture, or any other use you can envision.

Step 4
Share!

Share your drawing with a classmate or family member - can they identify the pattern? Share it with your teachers. Or, you can email it to us at MoMA:
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