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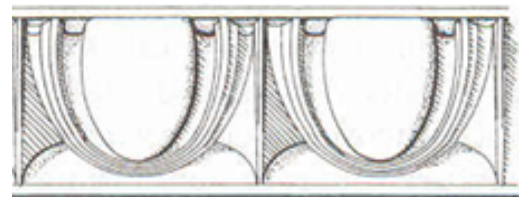
Georgian architecture and design used lots of decorative patterns and features. If you look around Bath you will see patterns carved in stone on the outside of Georgian buildings.



Designs that were based on ancient Roman and Greek decoration were very popular. Here are two common examples you can see in Bath.



Vitruvian scroll design



Egg and dart design

You can see that such designs form a pattern by repeating the same design motif (decorative image) over and over again. Sometimes the motifs join up with each other to create an interlinking pattern, but not always. Here are two more examples of common Georgian decorative designs - patterns from nature were very popular, using floral or leaf designs:



Acanthus leaf design



Guilloche design

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Make your own decorative print using things from your recycling bin!

You will need:

- Bits and bobs from your recycling bin (you will need some cardboard then anything else you can find)
- Glue
- Paint
- Paper

1. Cover your table or do this outside as it can get messy!
2. Cut squares of cardboard and layer 5 or 6 squares and stick them together with glue (this is so that the stamp is easier to hold)
3. Decide on what you will use to print pictures. You could use bottle lids, cut up bits of card, string, mesh bags, bubble wrap, paper, corrugated card, rolled up sausages of foil... anything you can find!)
4. Stick your chosen materials onto your cardboard layers, you now have a stamp!
5. Press the stamp into paint then press onto a piece of paper
6. You could try using different colours for different stamps or try repeating your patterns to create a new design
7. Keep going until you have the pattern that you want
8. You could use these designs to decorate wrapping paper, or just as a decorative print to display at home.

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