Pattern Inspired by Artist Dorothy Torivio

Dorothy Torivio was born into the Acoma Pueblo and raised in a pottery-making family. Torivio set herself apart by fusing traditional Native American pottery shapes with abstracted, geometric and repetitive designs. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month by trying your hand at making an original and unique design inspired by Dorothy Torivio. These unique designs are created by using art supplies you may have at home along with the two templates provided.

Dorothy Torivio

Vessel, 1981
Glazed Earthenware
1 x 2 1/4 inches diameter
Racine Art Museum,
Gift of Karen Johnson Boyd
Photography by Jon Bolton

Supplies

- Printed templates (on pages 3 and 4)
- Extra square paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
Instructions

1. Begin by printing and cutting out the design templates provided on pages 3 and 4 of these instructions.

2. Use drawing tools to color each design.

3. Once both designs are completely colored, cut them into equal strips. TIP: To get equal and even strips of paper, line the two square designs together and cut them simultaneously, while they are back-to-back.

4. Take some time to study the designs on the strips of paper. Move them around to come up with a different composition. Alternate, layer, and weave the pattern to create your new and unique design.

5. Use the glue to adhere the strips onto a blank piece of paper in create your own unique pattern. And voilà, you have created an original design!