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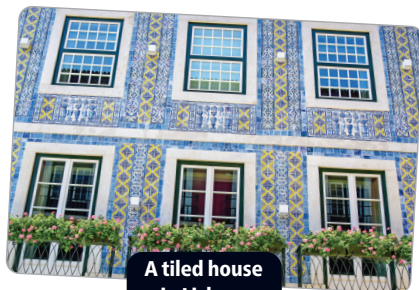
Make a Portuguese tile

Design a colourful, patterned tile.

Hello, my name's Olaf Falafel; I'm a children's author, illustrator, dad and a stand-up comedian. I also have an online Art Club.

Each episode has useful drawing tips, information about artists and jokes, like this: How much does a chimney cost? Nothing, it's on the house!

I've just come back from a trip to Lisbon in Portugal, and apart from all of the custard tarts I ate, the most memorable things for me were the beautiful ceramic tiles that decorate the city's buildings. Called azulejos,



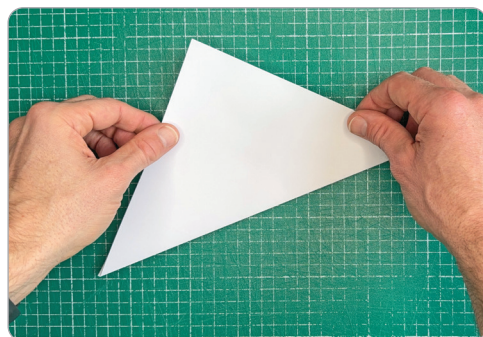
A tiled house in Lisbon.

these colourful ceramic squares have been around for hundreds of years. Not only do they make buildings and streets look amazing, they also help to keep building interiors cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

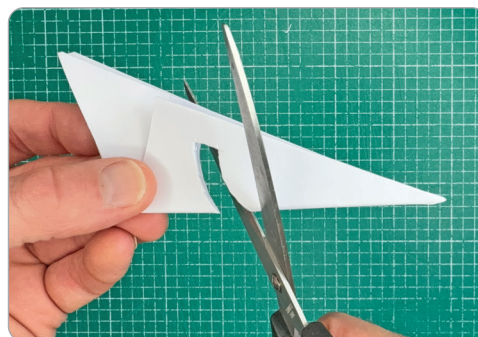
I'm going to make my own Lisbon-inspired tile – why not give it a go yourself?

What you need

- A square of white paper
- Scissors
- A square of white card, the same size
- Pencil
- Glue stick/sticky putty (optional)
- Coloured pens



1 Fold the piece of white paper corner-to-corner four times.



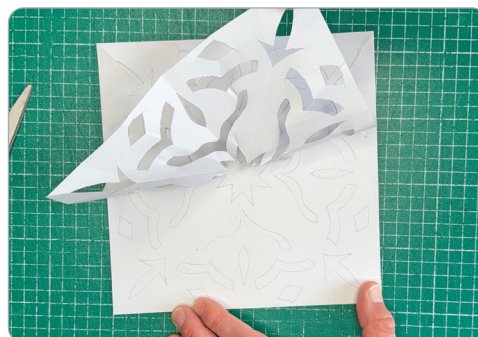
2 Use scissors to cut different shapes out of the folded sides of the paper triangle.



3 Unfold your paper to reveal your template and place it on top of the card square.



4 Trace the shapes with a pencil. You can use putty or a dab of glue to secure the paper.



5 Remove the template and select four or five coloured pens to colour your tile.



6 Colour your shapes. Get creative by outlining some, filling in others or adding extra shapes.

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