

# Patterns

A pattern is that from which a copy is made.

The word “**pattern**” is rooted in a term that means “father” and draws on the ideas of the the model citizen, One to be imitated (copied).

A pattern can be the repeated and arranged expressions of a "standard form"; that original form being a material thing (eg. a house brick, elements and molecules in substances, a drawn design etc.) or a non-material thing (e.g. a fact, an idea, a behaviour “pattern”, a way of moving/arranging etc). In patterns we see that the original form has been copied and/or that One can make copies of it by understanding or expressing its nature, dynamics or principles. The term pattern can be used to focus on the essential quality (principle) of the subject matter.

A pattern is more commonly understood as the layout, design, motif or decoration formed from multiple copies of an original fitted together.

