

CSCI 4560/6560 Computational Geometry

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Lecture 20: Periodic & Non-Periodic Tiling

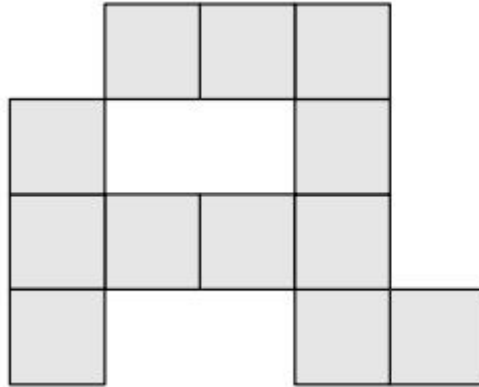
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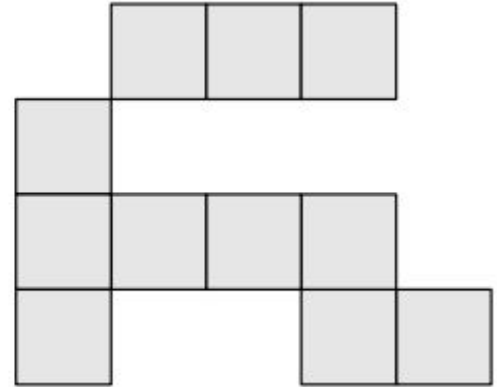
What is a Polyomino?

- An n-omino is a set of n cells on a square graph that is connected

is a polyomino



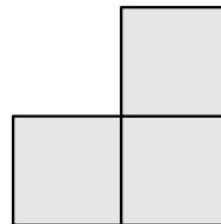
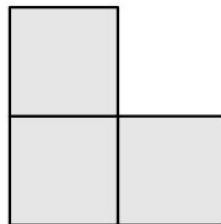
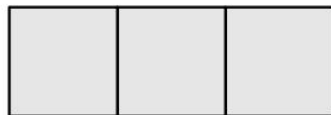
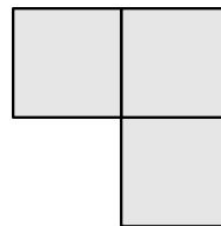
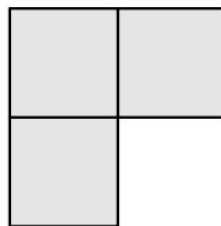
is NOT a polyomino



“Ch 14: Polyominoes”, Barequet, Golomb, & Klarner,
Handbook of Discrete and Computational Geometry, 2018

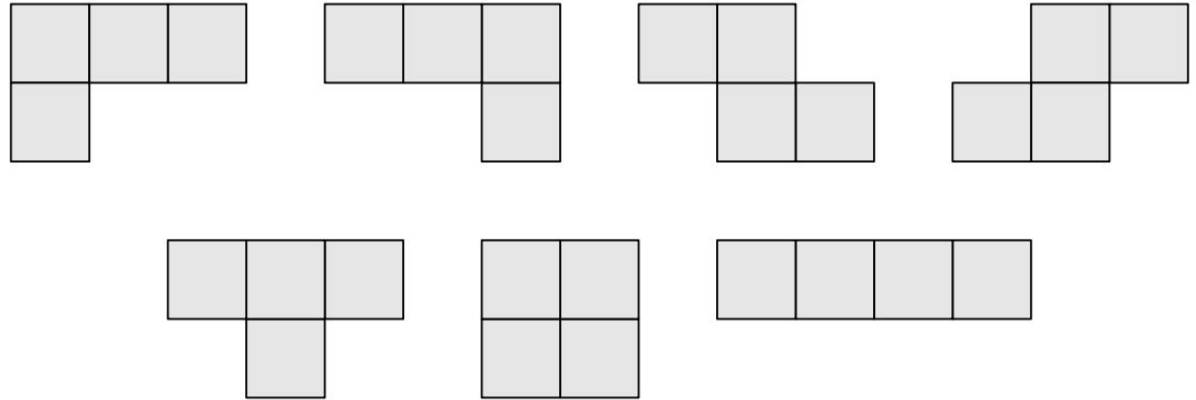
Translation-Equivalent / Fixed Polyomino

- Only left/right/up/down translation is allowed
- There are 6 unique Fixed 3-ominoes (a.k.a. trominoes):



Rotation-Equivalent / Chiral Polyomino

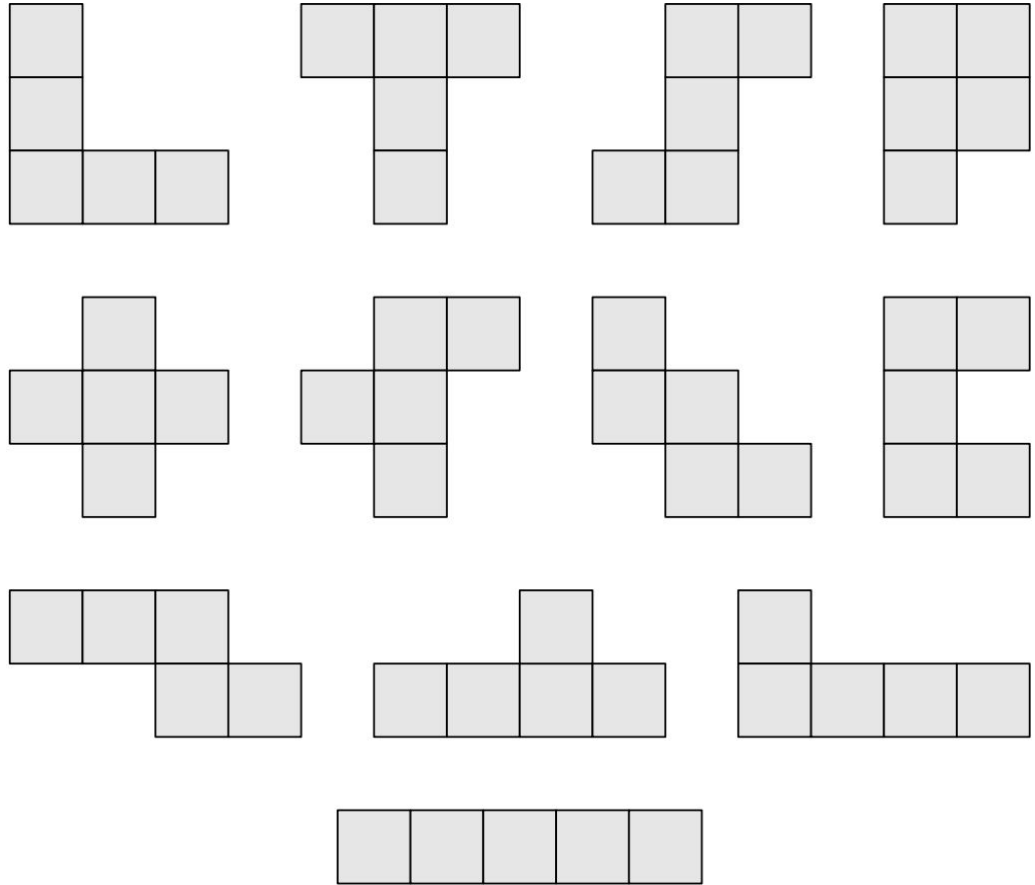
- left/right/up/down translation allowed
- $90^\circ/180^\circ/270^\circ$ rotation allowed



- There are 7 unique chiral 4-ominoes (a.k.a. tetrominoes):

Free Polyomino

- Translation allowed
- Rotation allowed
- Reflection allowed
- There are 12 unique free 5-ominoes (a.k.a. pentominoes):



Counting Fixed, Chiral, and Free Polyominoes

fixed

translation-only

chiral

translation & rotation
(no reflection)

free

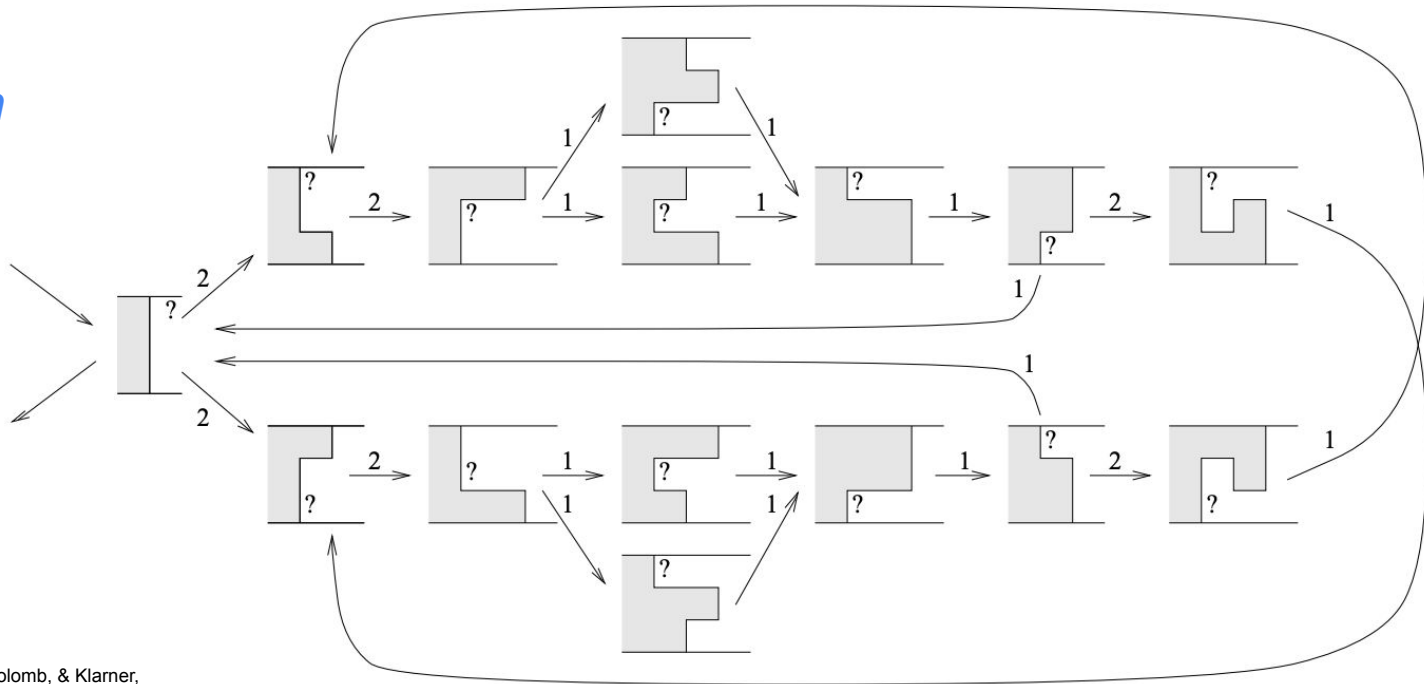
translation, rotation, &
reflection

| n | $t(n)$ | $r(n)$ | $s(n)$ |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | 19 | 7 | 5 |
| 5 | 63 | 18 | 12 |

Packing Polyominoes

- Can we use the L-tetromino, and all of its rotations and reflections to pack tile and infinite rectangle of height 3?

- *Yes, we can build the following automaton of all of states:*



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Zellij - Mosaic Tilework

- Traditional Islamic Art, Moroccan architecture, Moorish architecture
- Smooth, colorful, glazed/enamel tiles in a plaster base
- Colors:
 - Initially: white, green
 - then: yellow, blue, brown,
 - later: red
- Geometric motifs
- Avoid depictions of living things

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zellij>



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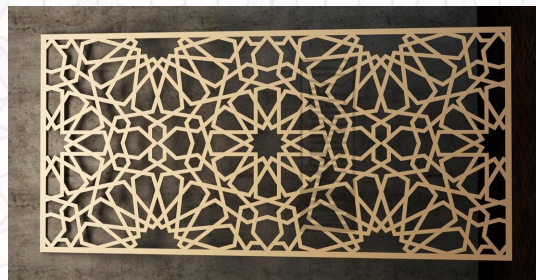
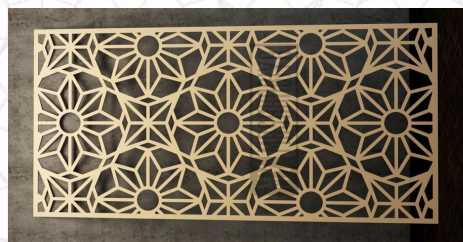
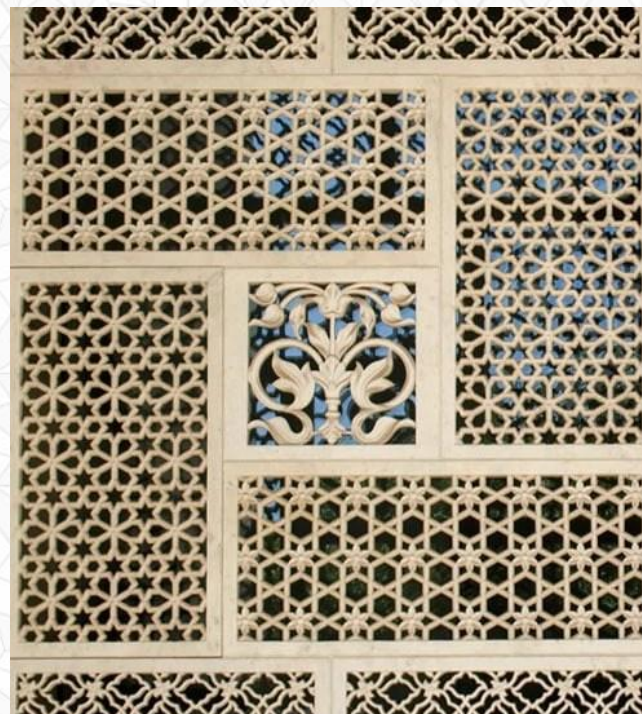
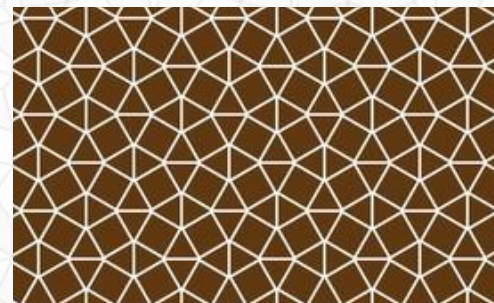
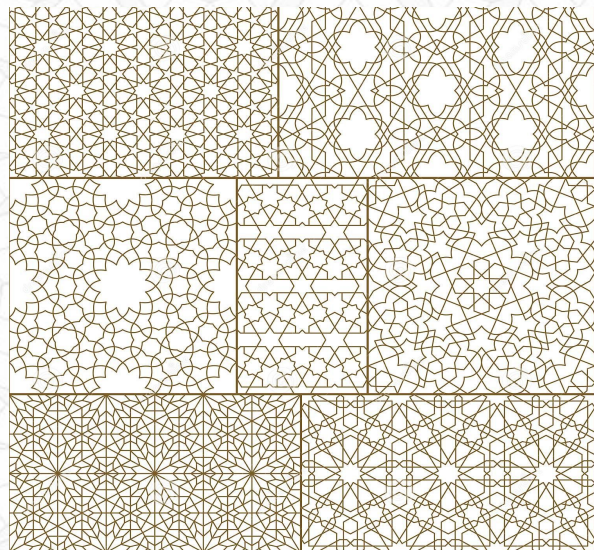
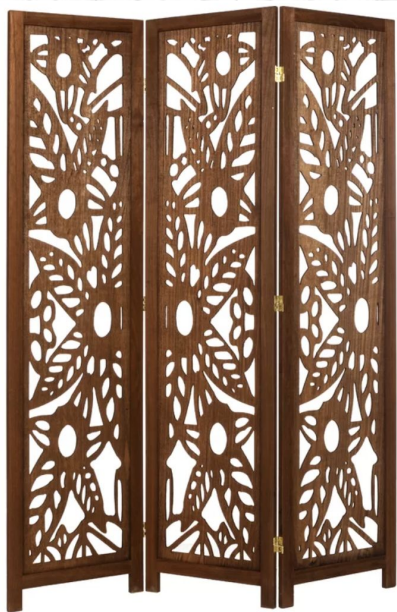
Mashrabiya

“Modern Mashrabiyas with High-tech Daylight Responsive Systems”, El Semary, Attalla, Gawad, 2017

- Similar to a bay window, but enclosed with wooden latticework
- For hot & dry climates - Blocks direct sun, provides privacy
- Allows ventilation, and basins of water facilitate evaporative cooling



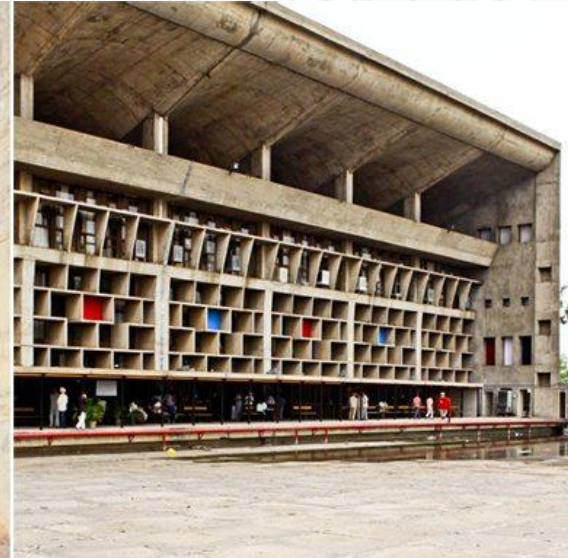
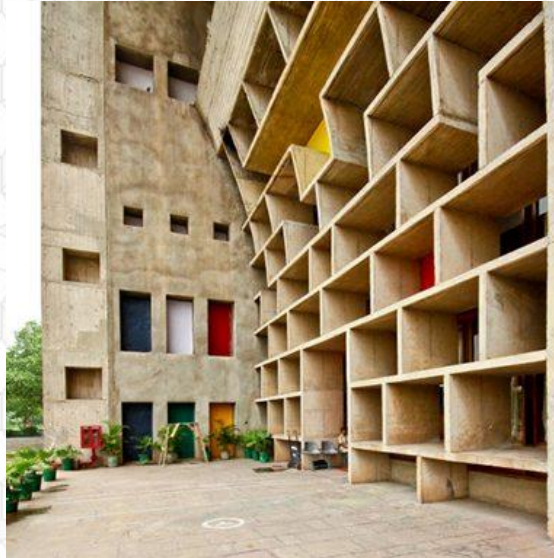
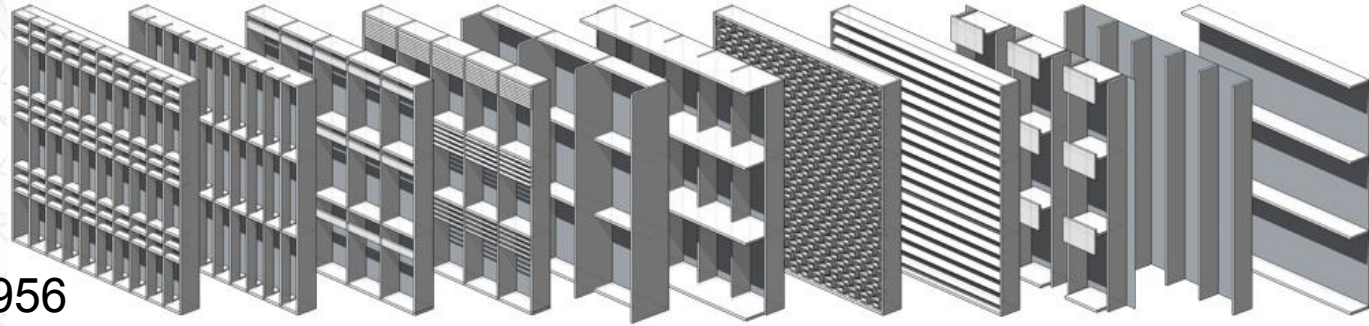
Modern Commercial Mashrabiya



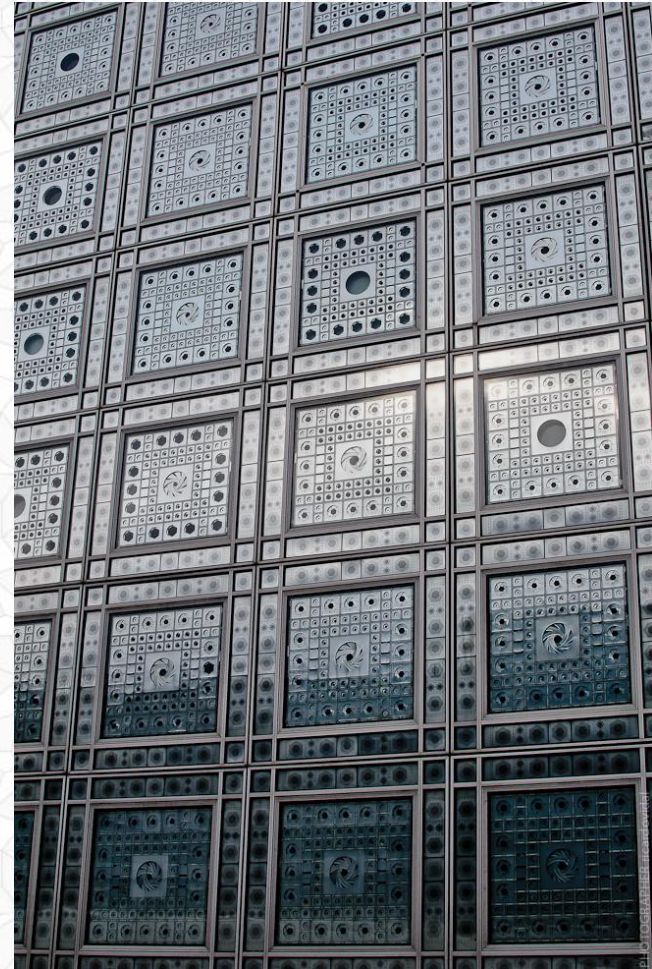
Brise Soleil

*reduce heat gain by
deflecting sunlight*

Le Corbusier, 1951-1956
Court Chandigarh, India



Institut du Monde Arabe
Architecture-Studio
& Jean Nouvel
Paris, France,
1987



Louvre Abu Dhabi, UAE

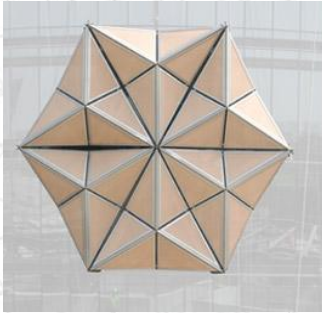
Jean Nouvel

2017



Kinetic Architecture

Al Bahar Towers, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Aedas UK, Diar Consult, Arup, 2012



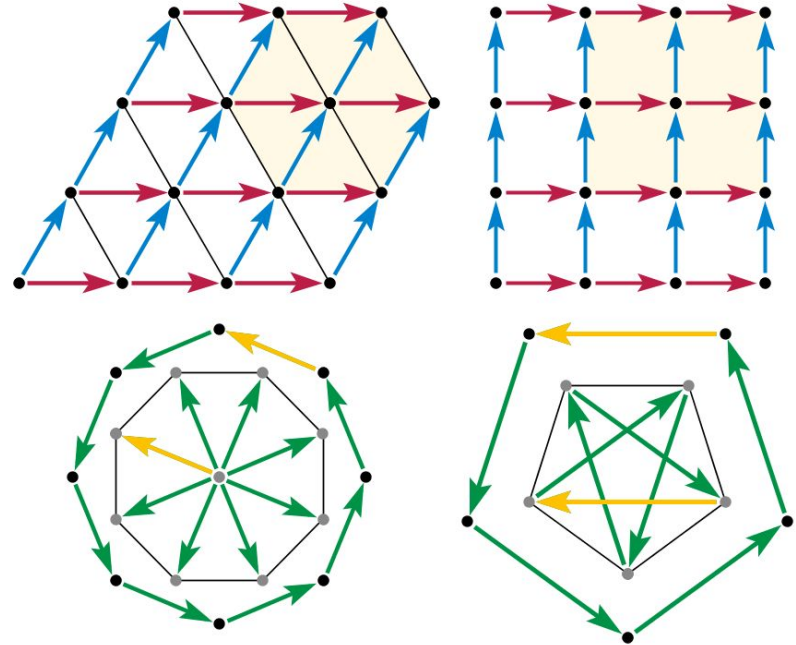
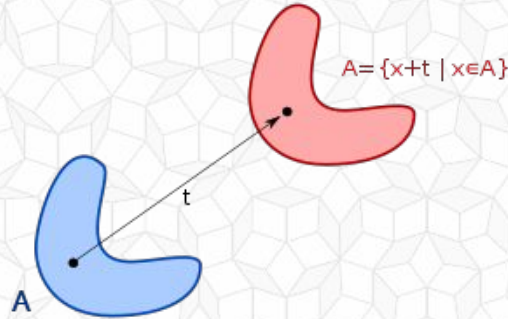
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Crystal Structure

Originally assumed:

- Must have periodic, translational symmetry
- Specifically, 2-fold, 3-fold, 4-fold, or 6-fold symmetric
- And that 5-fold, 8-fold symmetry was not allowed

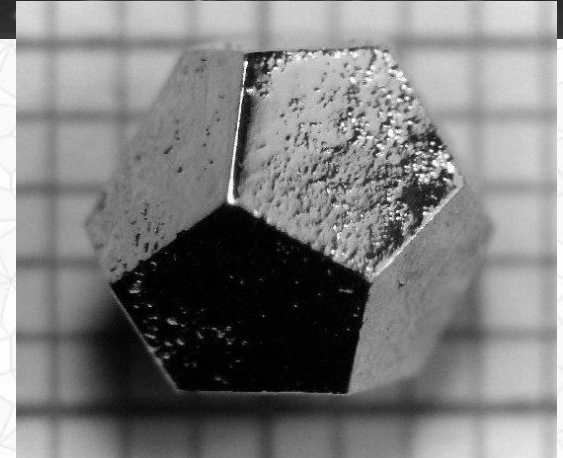
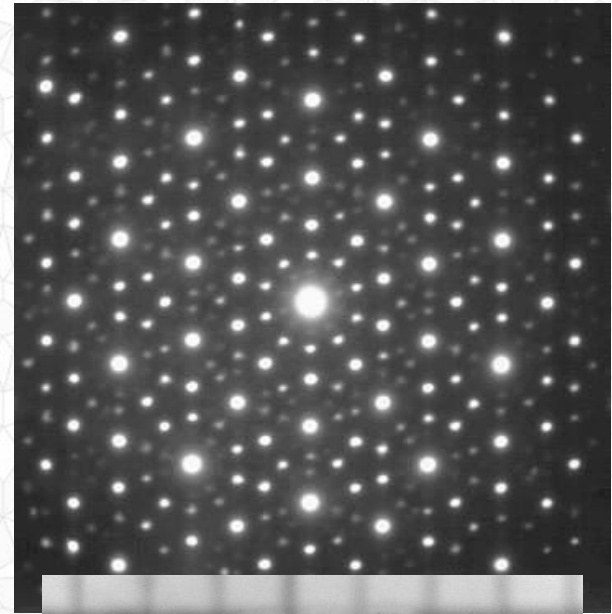


https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Translational_symmetry

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crystallographic_restriction_theorem

Quasi-Crystal

- A nuclear bomb test in 1945 made quasi-crystal, but this was not noticed and confirmed until 2021.
- Unexpected (8-fold & 10-fold) diffraction patterns
- First investigated & published in 1980's by Dan Shechtman - *eventually won Nobel prize*
- Structure is ordered but not periodic
- Fills space (without gaps or overlaps), but lacks translational symmetry
- Properties: non-stick, heat insulating, strong
- Possible Applications: cookware, razor blades, gears, medical prosthesis, solar absorbers, ...



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Irrational Numbers

- All real numbers that are not rational
- Rational numbers can be expressed as a ratio of 2 integers, e.g. “a/b”
- Examples: pi, sqrt(2), etc.
- Decimal representation does not terminate, *and* does not end with a repeating sequence

| <i>fraction</i> | decimal expansion | ℓ_{10} | binary expansion | ℓ_2 | <i>fraction</i> | decimal expansion | ℓ_{10} | <i>fraction</i> | decimal expansion | ℓ_{10} |
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| $\frac{1}{5}$ | 0.2 | 0 | $0.00\overline{11}$ | 4 | $\frac{1}{20}$ | 0.05 | 0 | $\frac{1}{35}$ | 0.0285714 | 6 |
| $\frac{1}{6}$ | $0.1\overline{6}$ | 1 | $0.00\overline{1}$ | 2 | $\frac{1}{21}$ | 0.047619 | 6 | $\frac{1}{36}$ | $0.02\overline{7}$ | 1 |
| $\frac{1}{7}$ | 0.142857 | 6 | $0.00\overline{1}$ | 3 | $\frac{1}{22}$ | $0.04\overline{5}$ | 2 | $\frac{1}{37}$ | $0.02\overline{7}$ | 3 |
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Digits of Pi

Let's look for "translational symmetry"...

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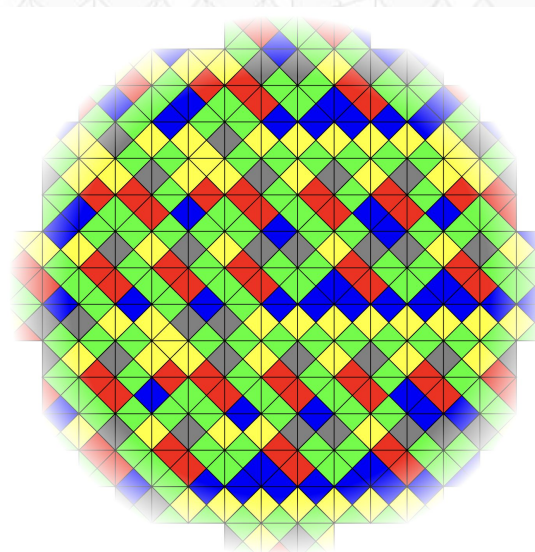
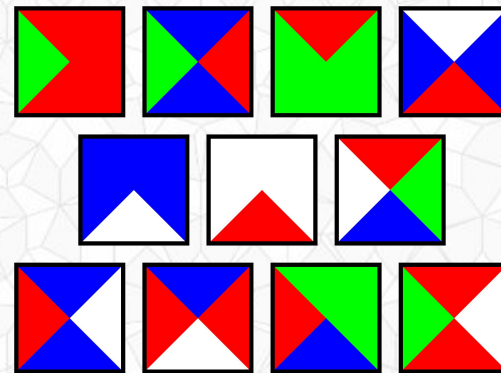
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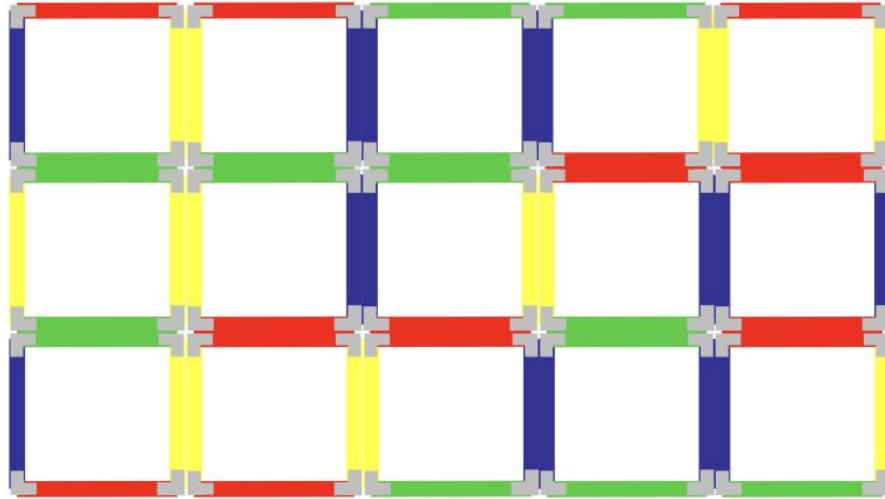
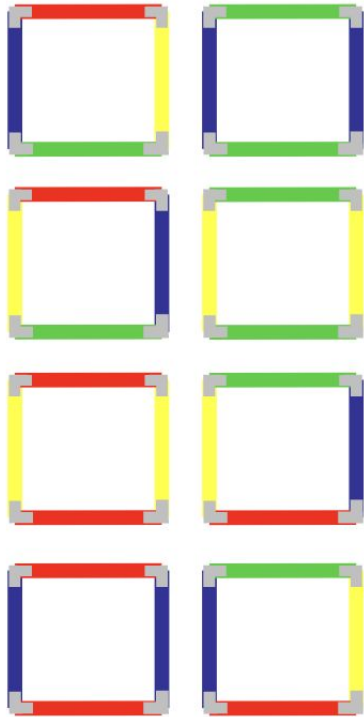
Wang Tiles / Wang Dominoes

- Square tiles, edges labeled with colors, must be placed without rotation, with matching edges
- In 1961, Hao Wang conjectured that any finite set of tiles that could tile a plane infinitely, could be tiled periodically
- In 1966, Robert Berger proved that non-periodic Wang tile sets existed
- In 2015, Emmanuel Jeandel and Michael Rao proved that the smallest non-periodic Wang tile set was 11 tiles w/ 4 colors
- Applications: natural-looking, aperiodic synthesized texture, heightfields, & more



Wang Tiles

“Wang Tiles for Image and Texture Generation”,
Cohen, Shade, Hiller, Deussen, SIGGRAPH 2003



Align tiles to match edge color to
create non-periodic tilings

Wang Tile Texture Synthesis

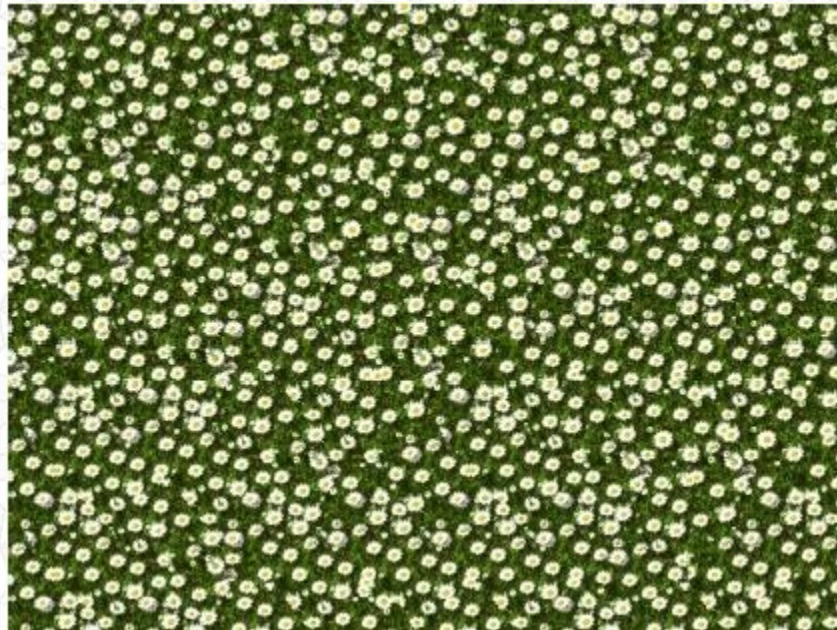
- As a precomputation, fill the tiles with texture
- Then create infinite amounts of non-periodic texture!



Input texture
sample



Automatically generated
set of Wang tiles



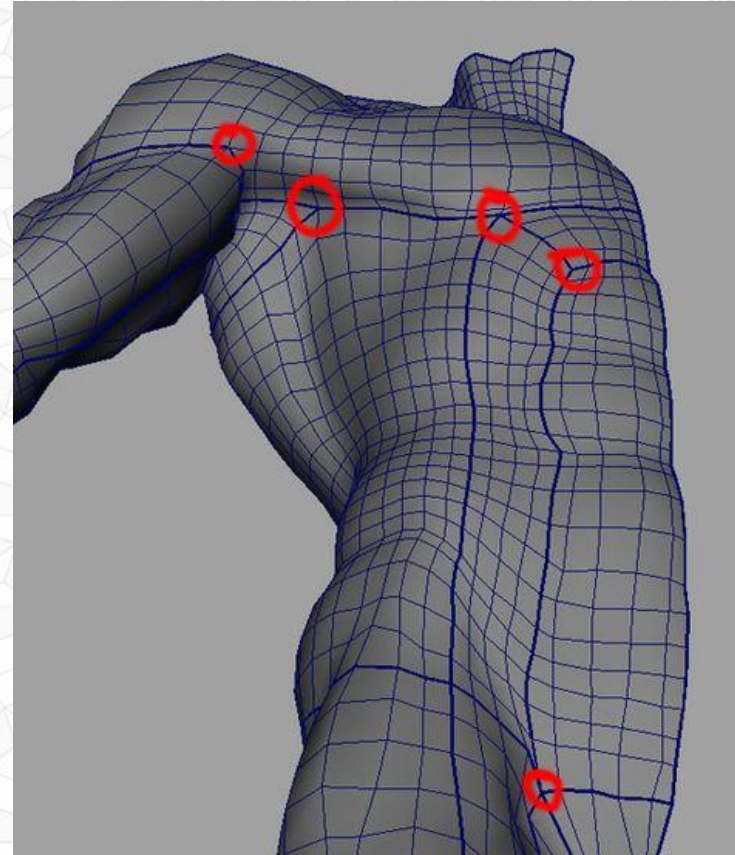
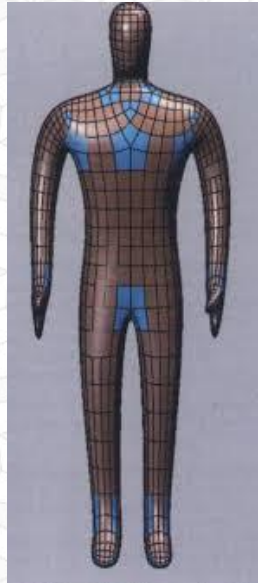
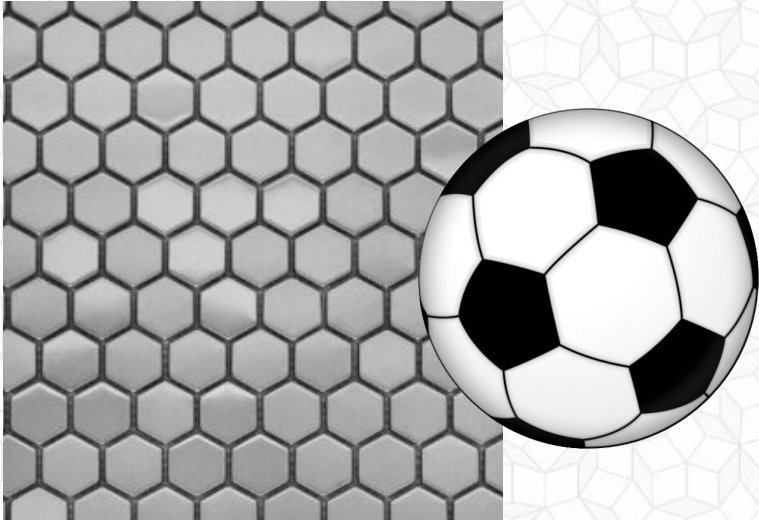
Synthesized textures
using Wang tiling

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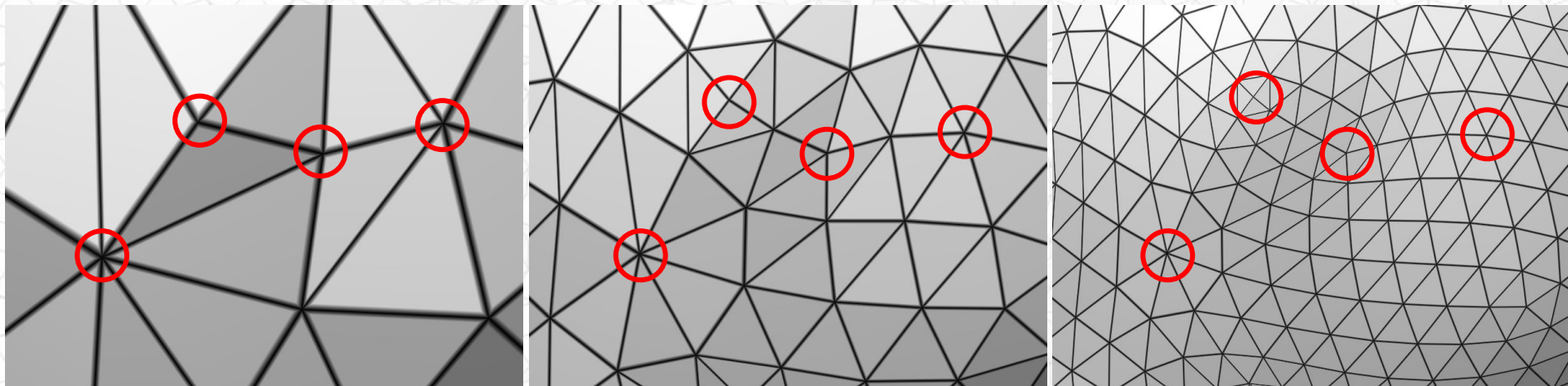
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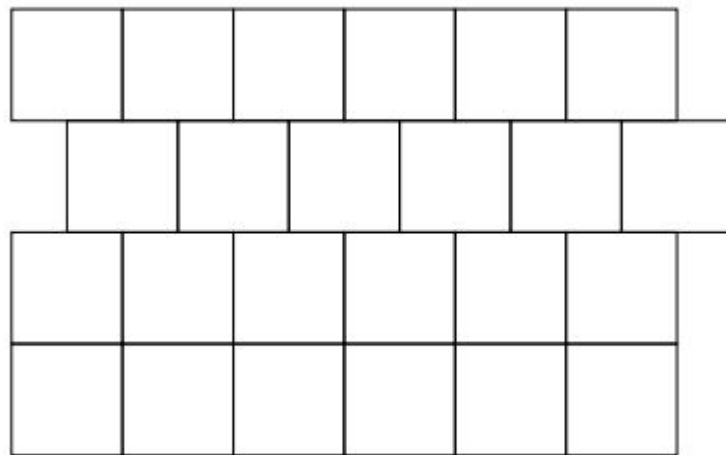
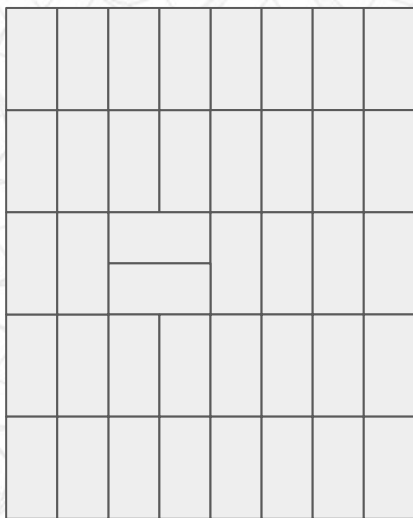
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*Extraordinary vertices
persist through subdivision!*



Non-Periodic vs. Aperiodic

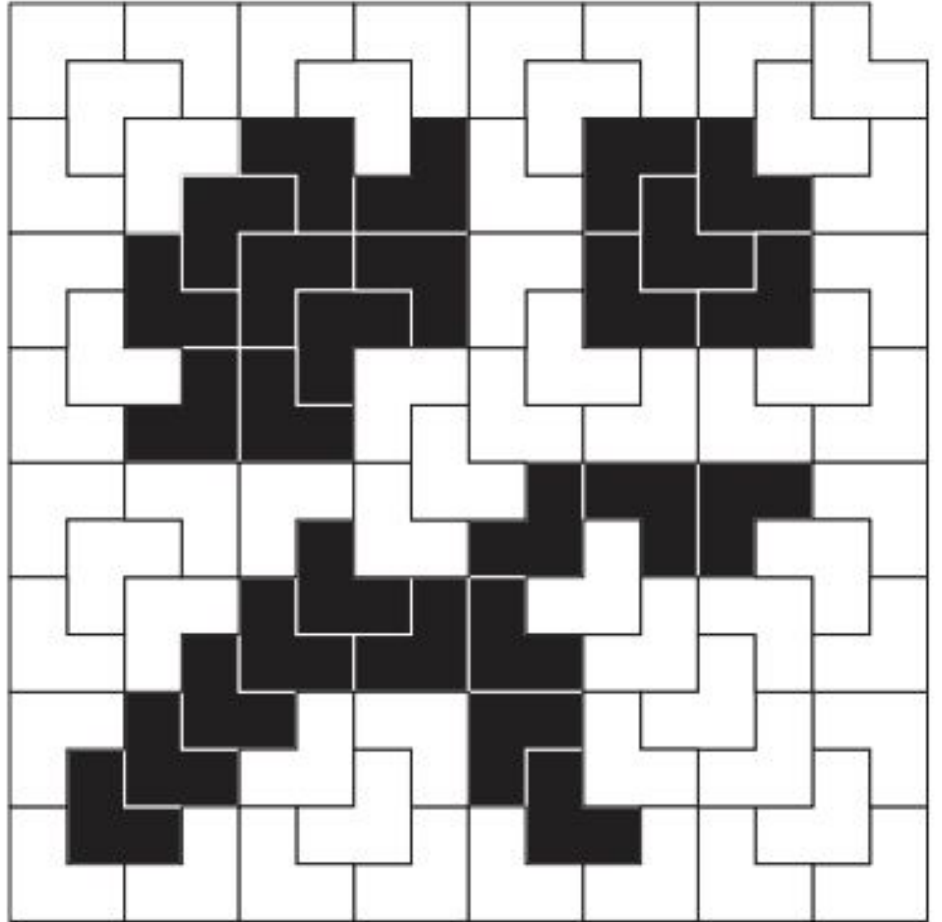
- Non-Periodic: A tiling which is not translationally symmetric
- A-Periodic: A set of tiles which cannot be tiled periodically



Cluster: set of tiles that intersect a shape.

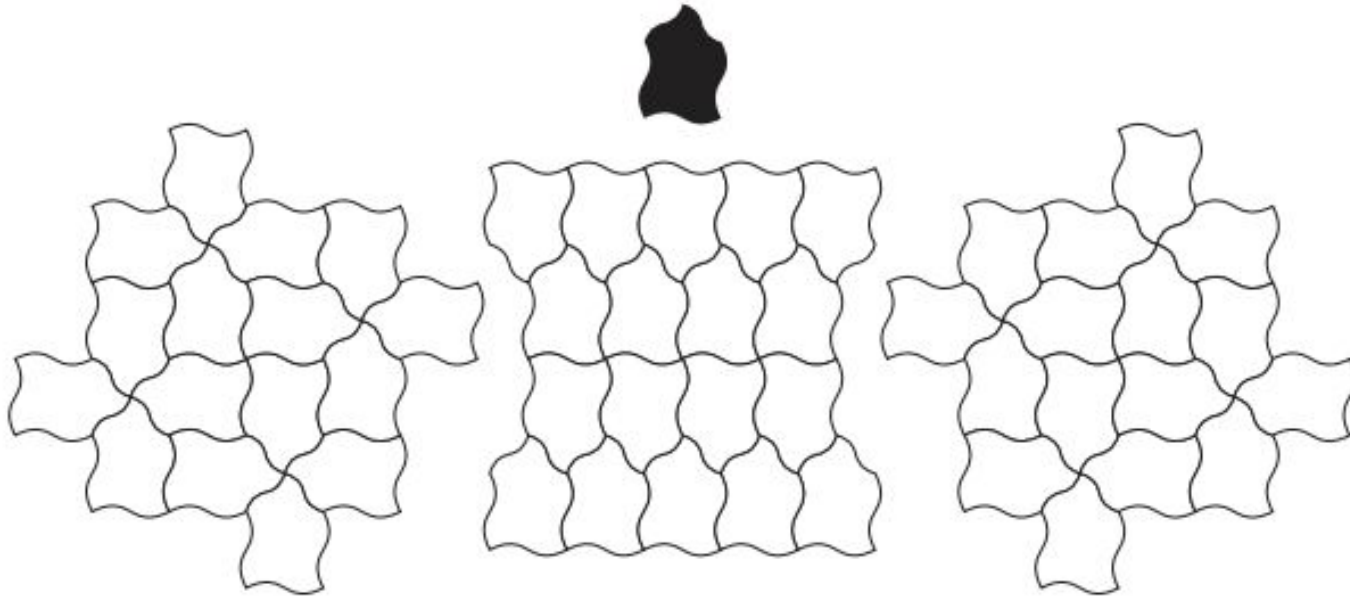
Patch: a cluster for a convex shape.

Example: Image shows 3 clusters, 2 of the clusters are patches.



- Monohedral Tiling: Using a single shape to tile the plane
- r -Morphic Tile: Can be arranged in r different monohedral tilings

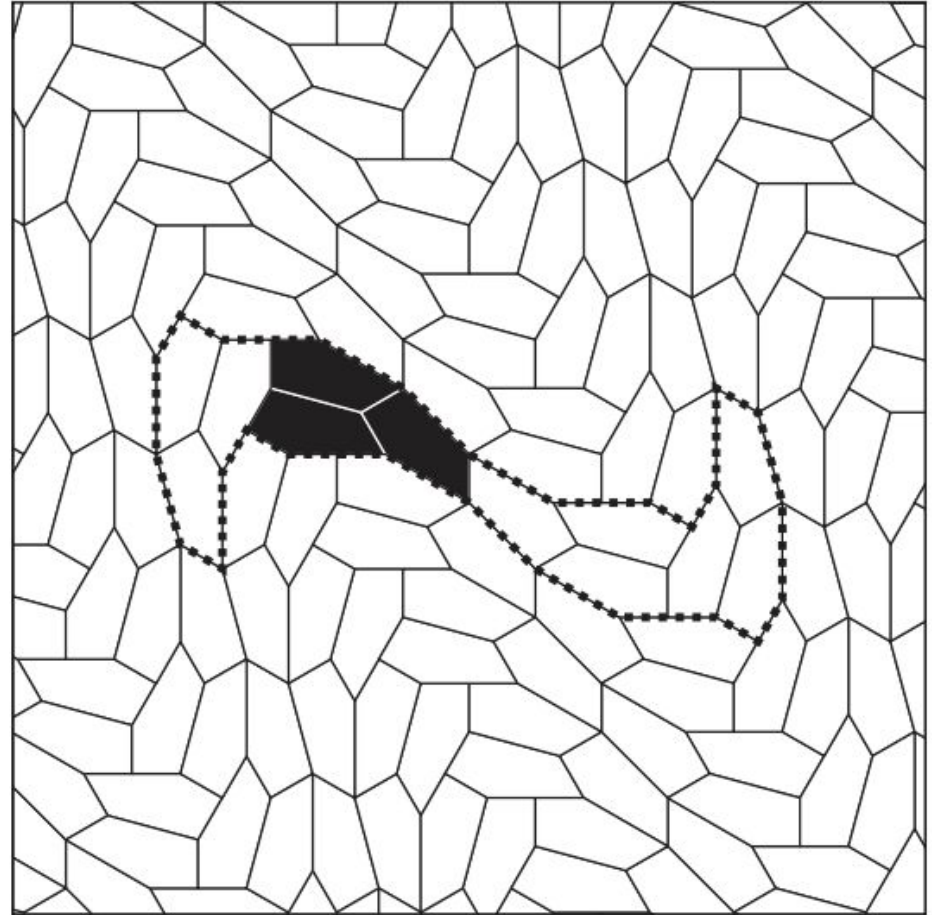
Example: a 3-morphic (trimorphic) tile



- Isohedral (tiling): A tiling whose symmetry group acts transitively on its tiles.
- Anisohedral tile: A prototile that admits monohedral tilings but no isohedral tilings.

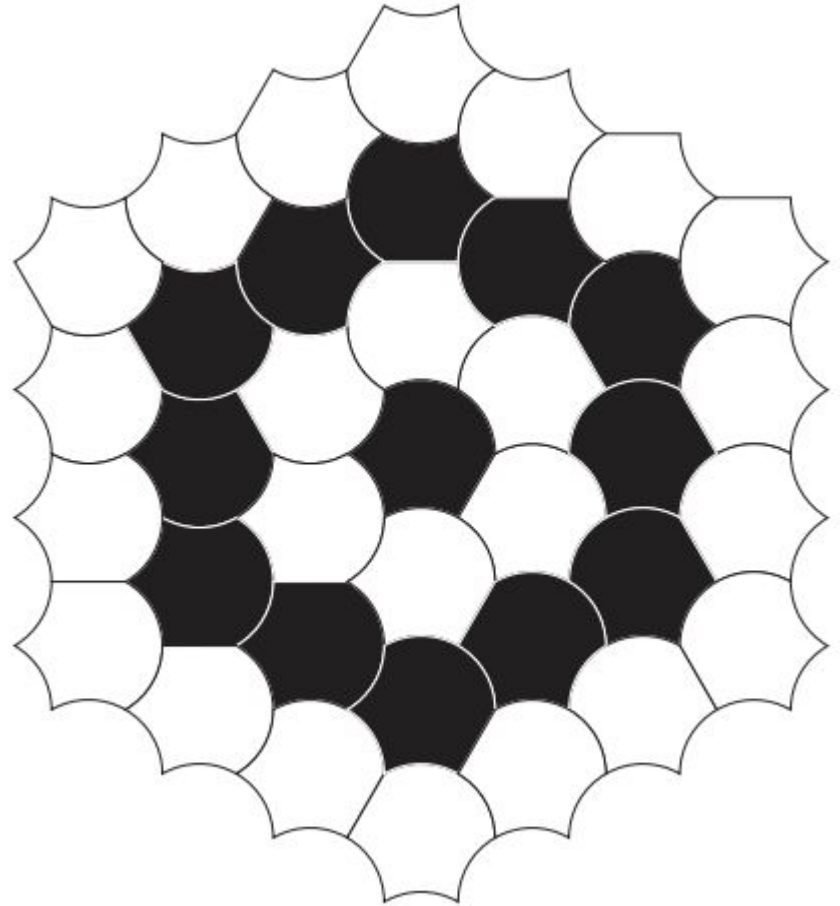
Example:

- *The prototile admits a unique non-isohedral tiling; the black tiles are each surrounded differently.*
- *This tiling is periodic.*



k -corona of a tile:
The set of all tiles that touch
the $(k-1)$ -corona of the tile

*Example: A 3-corona tile
(It cannot be surrounded
by a fourth corona.)*



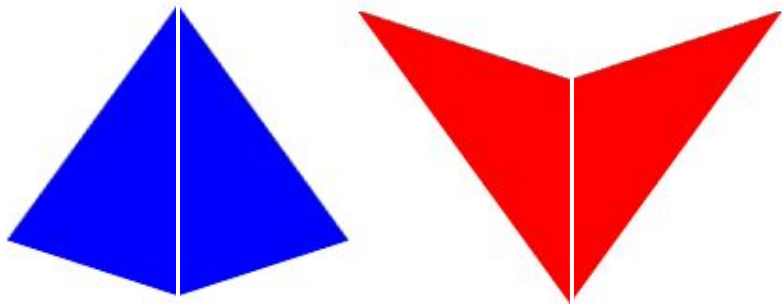
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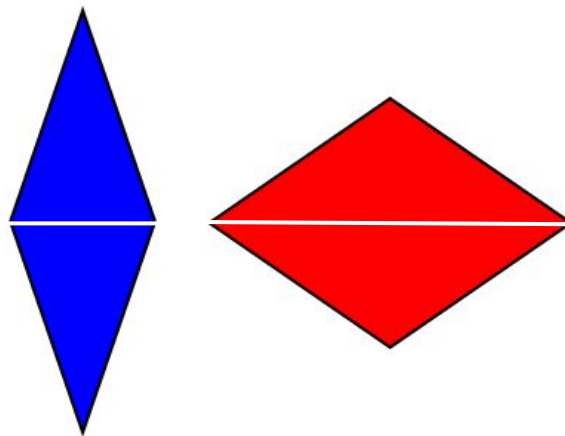
Penrose Tilings are Non-Periodic

- Discovered in 1974 by Roger Penrose
- Simple rules for which edges are allowed to match other edges
- Multiple variations of a tile sets that can fill a plane, but are non-repeating!

Kite & Dart

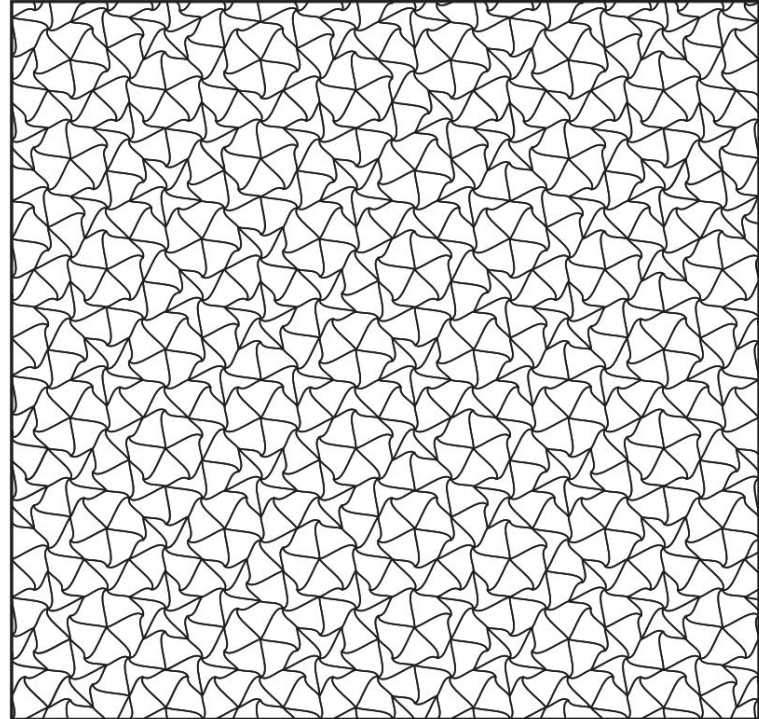
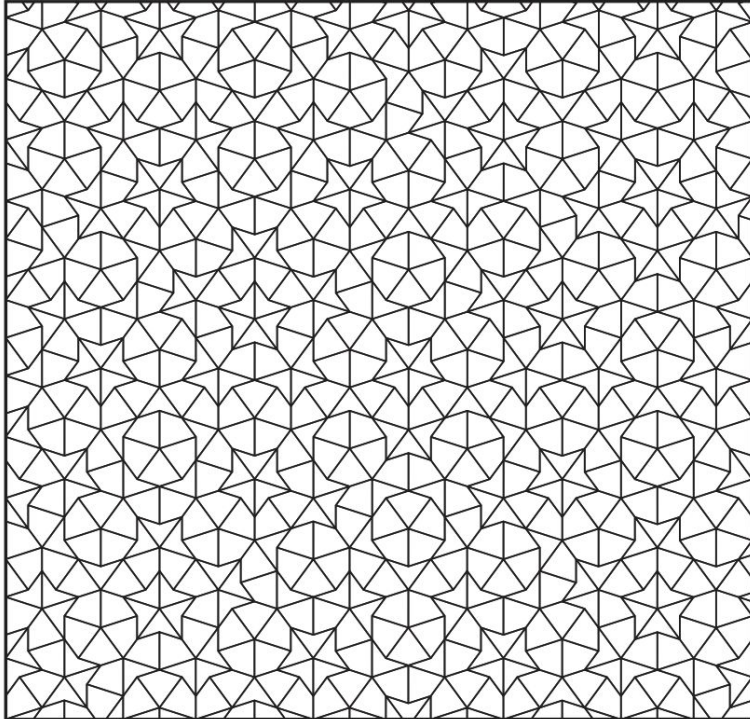


2 Rhomboids



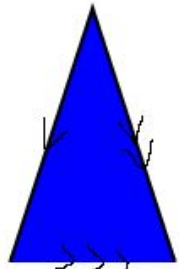
- A labeling or marking of the tiles may be necessary for a specific tileset to be aperiodic.
- *E.g., Penrose Kite & Rhombus:*

“Ch 3: Tiling”, Harriss, Schattschneider, & Senechal,
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Penrose Tilings Can be Subdivided

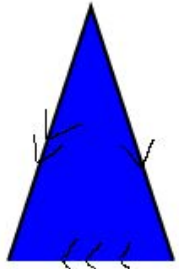
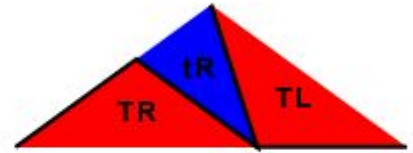
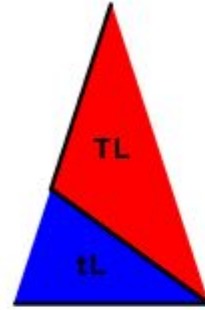
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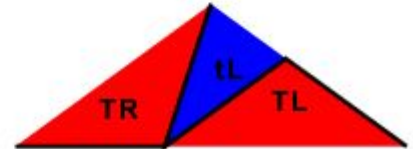
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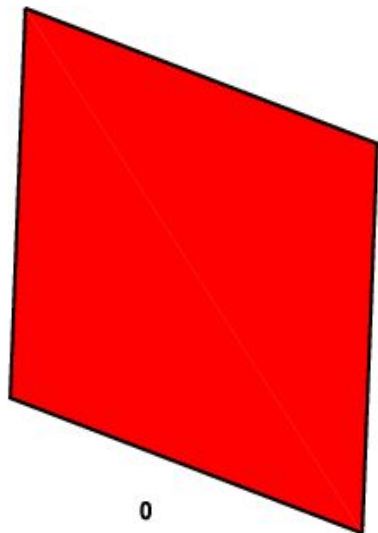


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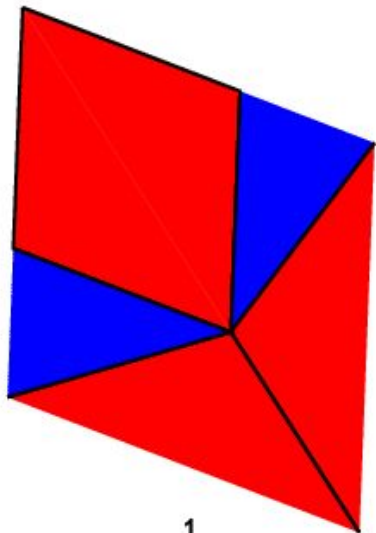


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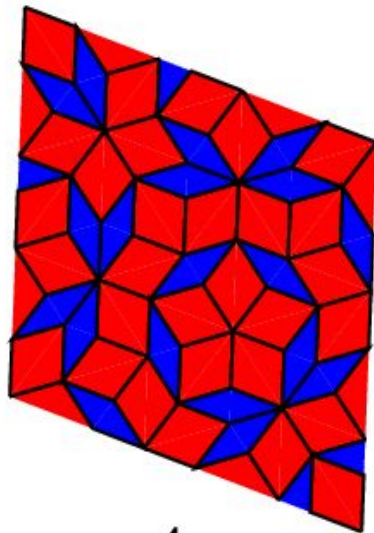
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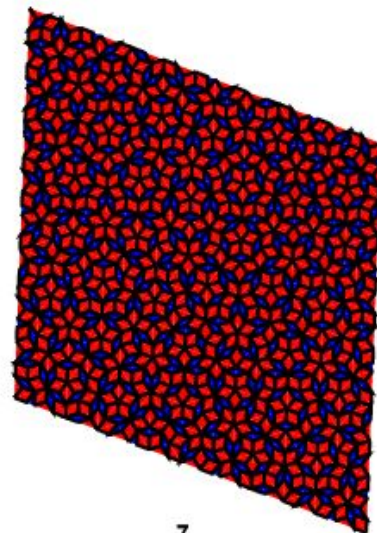
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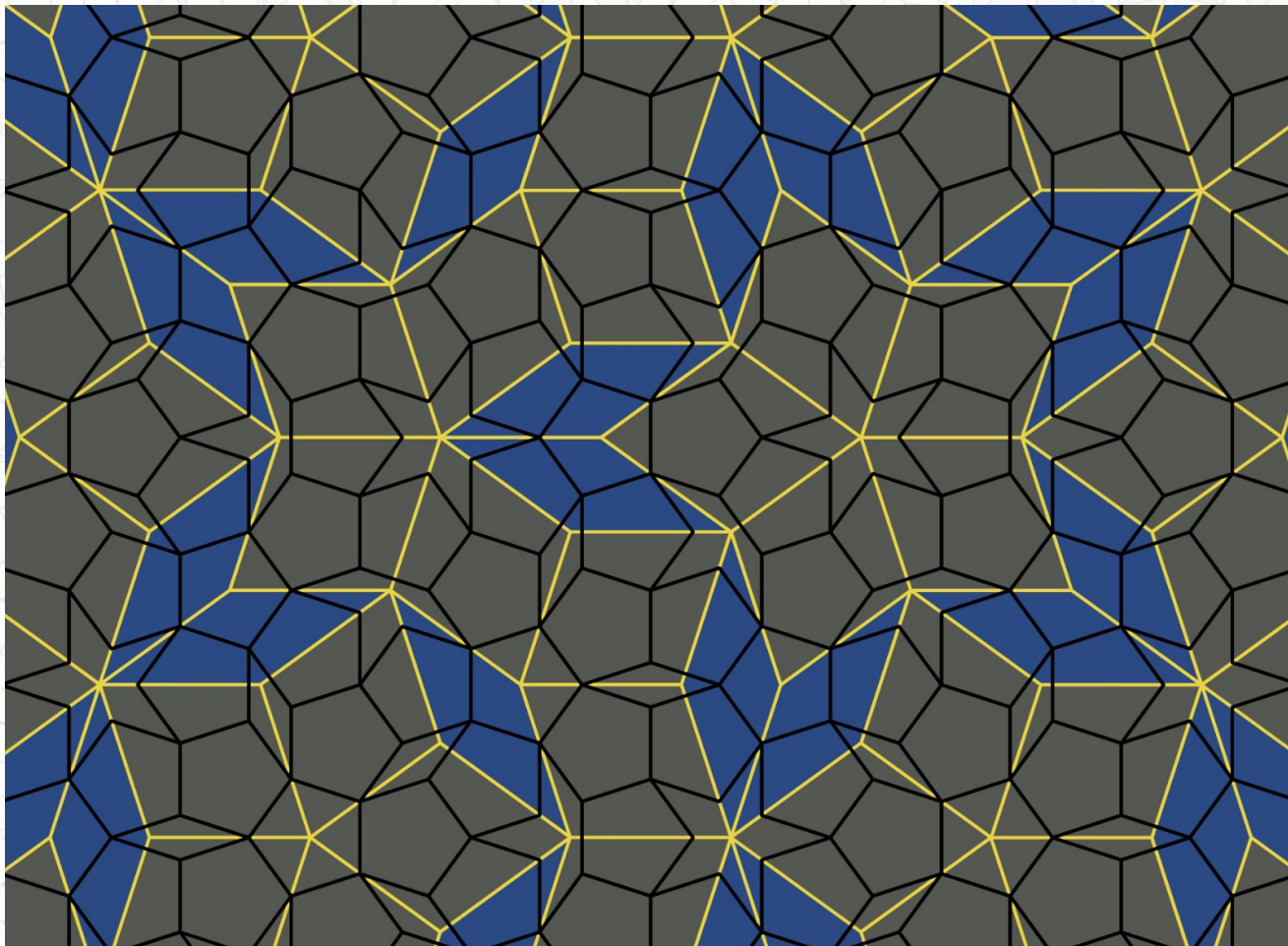
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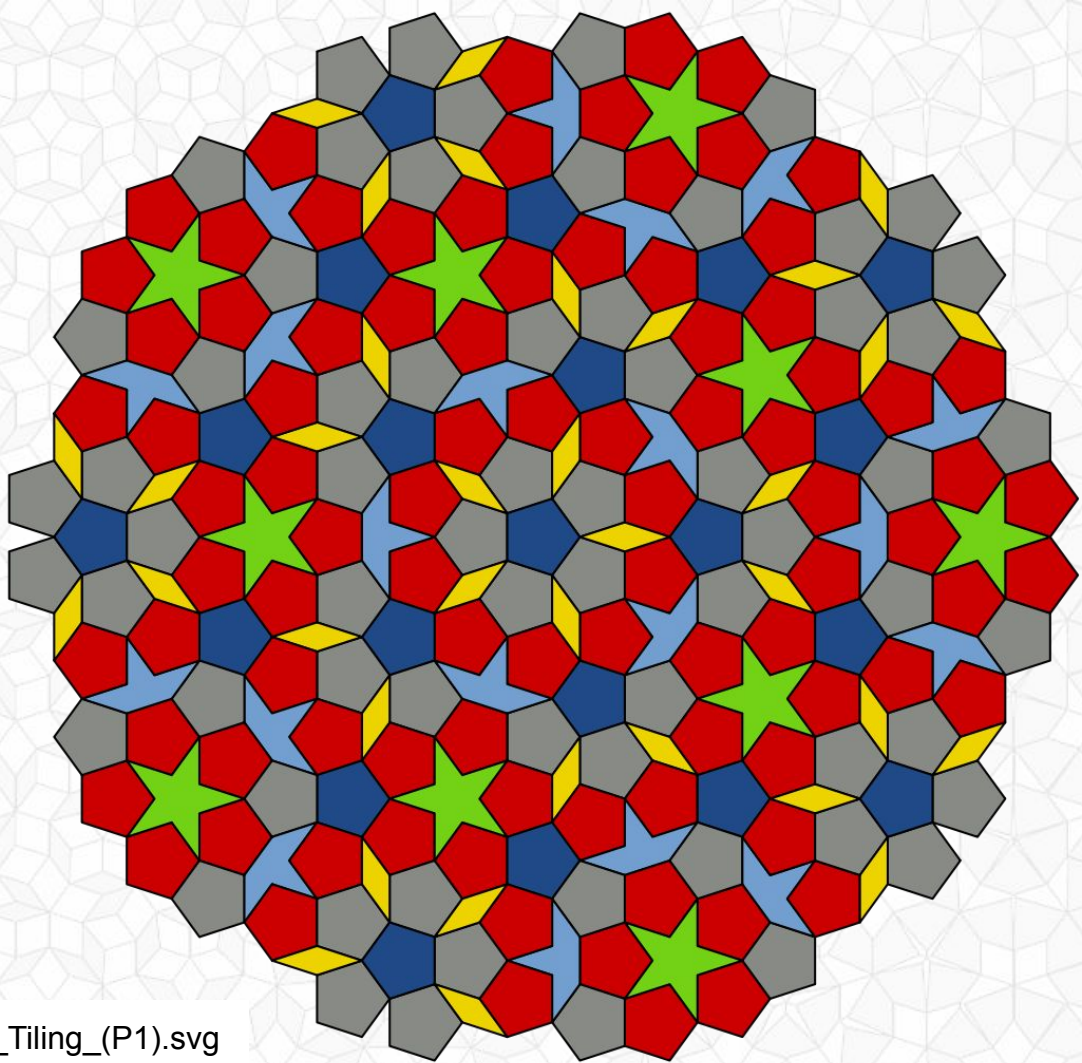
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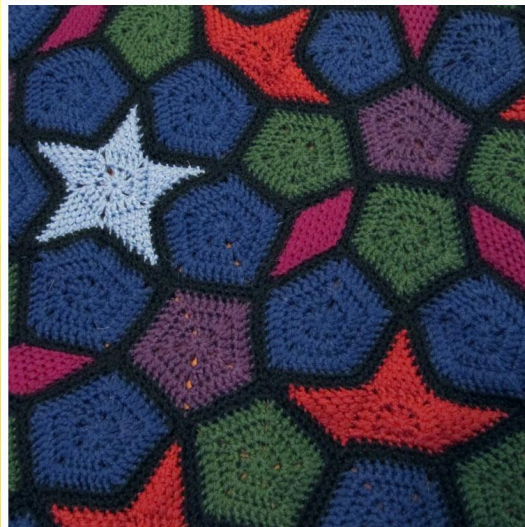
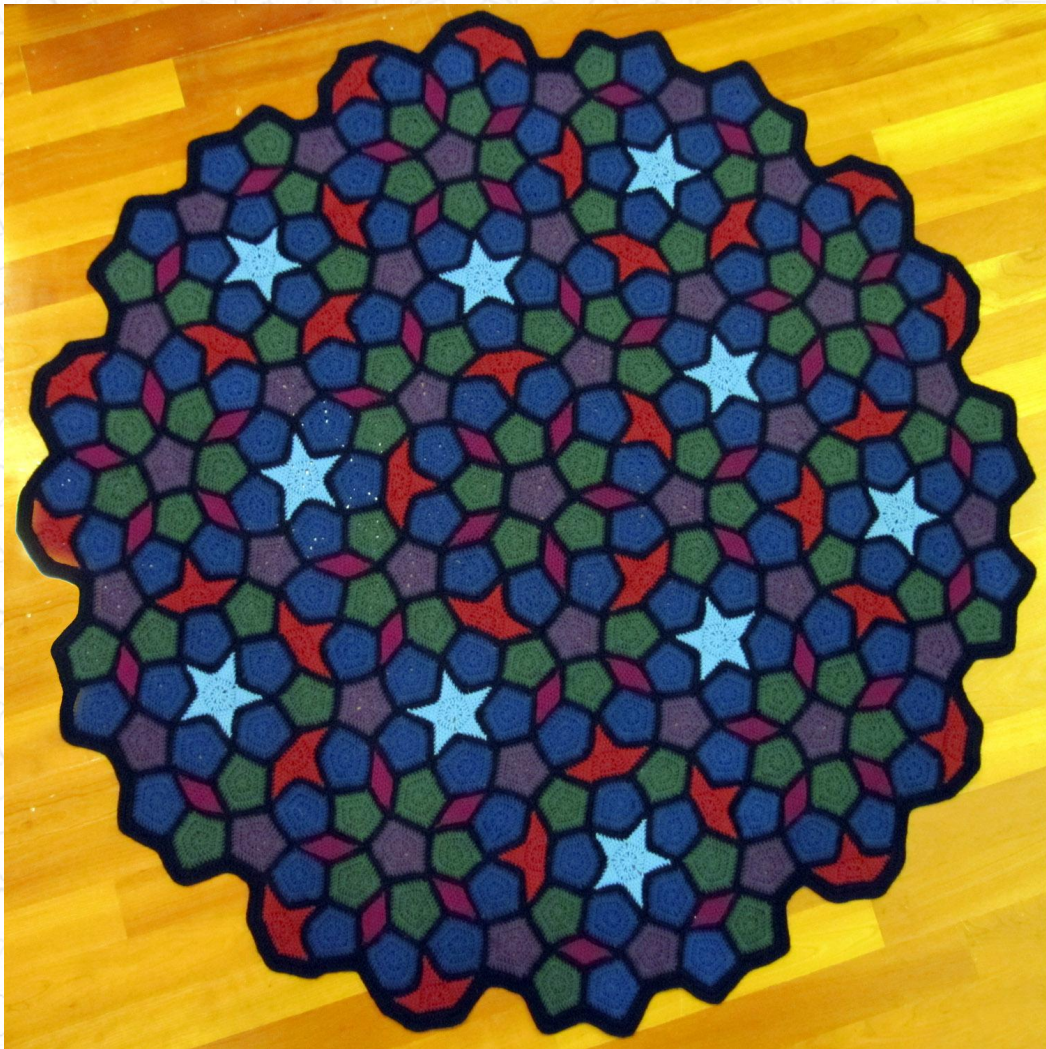
Original Penrose Tile set

*Pentagons cannot tile
a plane on their own!*



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Pentagonal Penrose Crochet Project

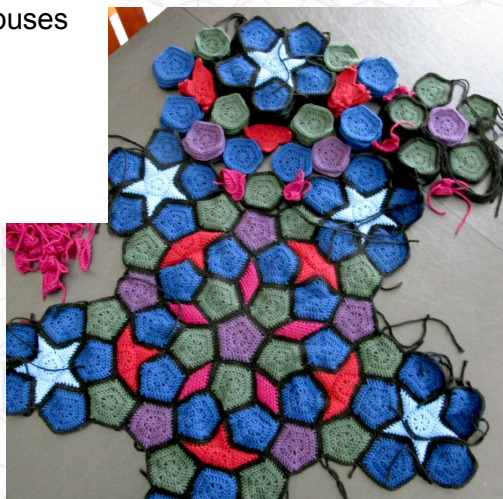
- Develop patterns for the 4 different shapes
- Crochet is not normally 5-fold symmetric!
- Crochet does not normally use 108° / 72° angles!





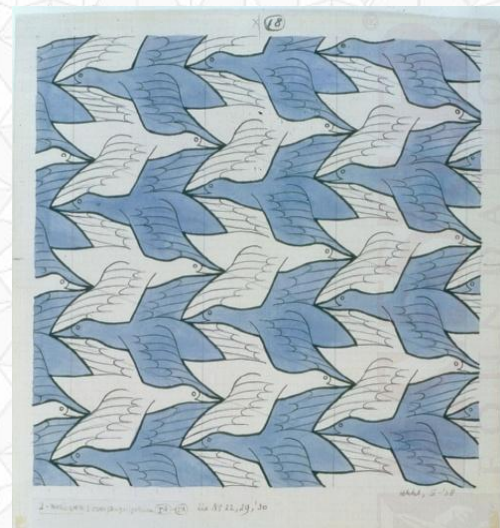
- 120 pentagons of color A
- 75 pentagons of color B
- 36 pentagons of color C
- 30 3 pointed stars / boats
- 50 diamonds / rhombuses
- 10 5 pointed stars

321 shapes
1284 ends to tuck



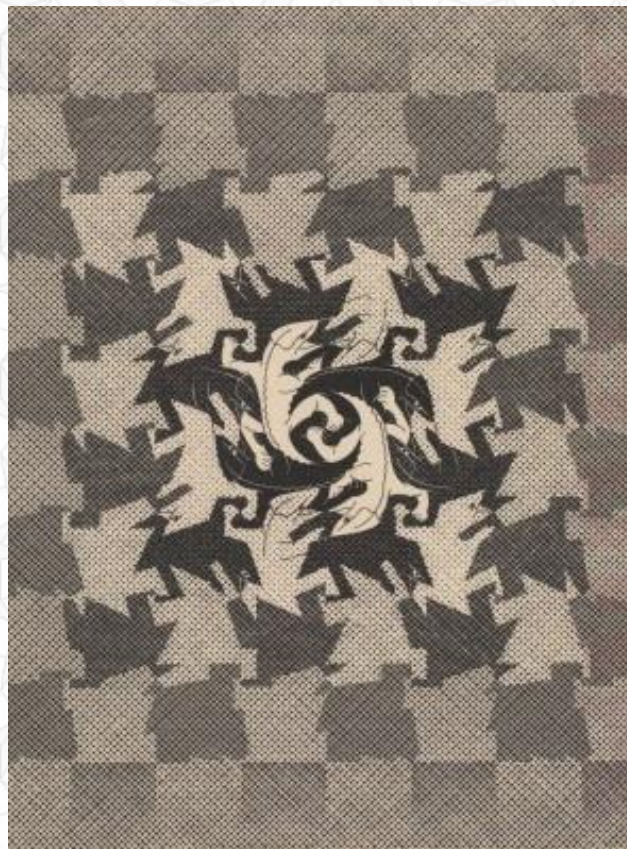
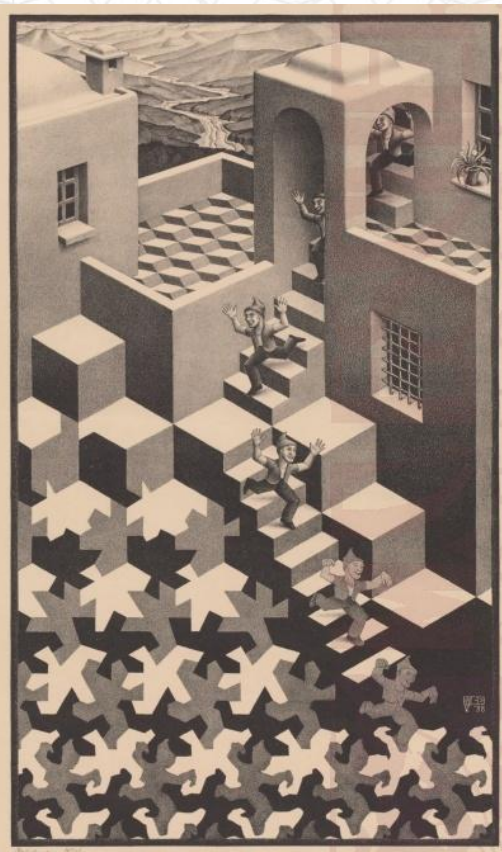
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