



Art and Symmetry

Many cultures have a tradition of making colorful, symmetrical art. For example, have you ever seen a mandala? Mandala is the Sanskrit word (Sanskrit is an ancient language created in South Asia) for circle or center. It's a symbol for the universe from the Buddhist and Hindu faiths. It often appears as the sun, moon, or earth. They can be painted, made with mosaic tiles, or even created with natural objects on the ground.

Celtic knots, some African textiles, and some Asian symbols, like Yin and Yang, all use circular symmetry. Many traditional art forms from all over the world use repeated colors, shapes, and patterns that circle out from a center point.

