Kowhaiwhai Tuturu Maori



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He Korero Whakatuwheratanga

I waihangatia tenei rauemi mo te mahi tukutuku I te whakaaetnga o Te Manatu Matauranga kia riro mai tetahi kirimana I tenei roopu "wheako Ako I Waho Atu I Te Akomanga."

He pai tenei rauemi ma nga Kura Kaupapa Maori, nga Whanau Reo Rua, nga Ruma Rumaki I te Reo me nga Kohanga Reo Maori. He pai ano tenei ma nga akoranga ropu matua.

Anei e whai ake nei nga whainga paetae tika mai I nga wahanga kaupapa e hipokina atu I te Anga Marautanga o Aotearoa: ko Te Reo Maori, te Pangrau, English, Mathematics (Koeke / Taumata 1 - 4).

Introduction

This resource has been created as a result of the Ministry of Education contract for "Learning Experiences Outside the Classroom".

This resource has been designed for Kura Kaupapa Maori, Total Immersion, Bilingual, Kohanga Reo schooling initiatives and delivery in mainstream classes. The resource incorporates appropriate achievement objectives from the Curriculum Statements: Te Reo Maori, Pangarau, English, Mathematics (Levels 1-4).



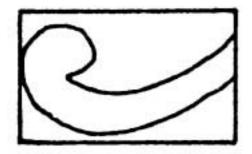
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Description: Design Analysis
Kowhaiwhai are beautiful
patterns that appear as painted
scroll designs, abstract and
curvilinear in form. At first,
kowhaiwhai patterns can be
viewed as a means of decoration
only, but closer examination
reveals sophisticated
mathematical precision involving
symmetry, rotation, reflection
and translation.

The **koru** or **pit au** is the most basic design element of kow haiw hai.

These curving stalks with bulbs at one end bear a striking resemblence to the young succulent shoot of a native fern.



The koru, the basic design element of kowhaiwhai.

After the **koru** or **pitau**, the next main motif of kow haiw hai is the crescent or **kape** which is characterised by a line of evenly placed white circles indenting the convex outer edge of the crescent.



Positive composite in white (left) can act as a negative template to define the outline of the crescent form (right).

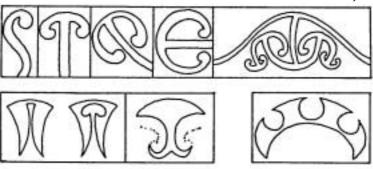
The **koru** or **pit au** and the **kape**, make up the full list of basic kowhaiwhai motifs. It is significant to note that when used in various combinations these two motifs are capable of generating incredible depth and variety in design.

Application

The technique of application, although an ancient one, is never-the-less still used by contemporary artists in their work. It is probably more a way of thinking than a method of applying a design. The design, as far as possible is carried in the artist's head.

It is mentally projected in total onto the timber and then the projection outline is drawn in by freehand. It is probable that outlining was done with charcoal in pre-European times, and that colours were then painted on with brushes of feathers, hair or flax fibres. ¹

Before painting commenced, the surface of the wood was sized with sap expressed from the Poroporo shrub (Solanum aviculare).²



Top: Elaboration of koru to produce branching scroll designs.
Bottom left: Kowhai whai motifs defined by negative form of koru.
Bottom right: Cresent-shaped element of kowhaiwhai.



Group 1. Translation only.



Group 2. Glide reflection.



Group 3. Vertical reflection. (From the photograph)



Group 4. Half turn.



Group 5. Half turn and vertical reflection.



Group 6. Horizontal reflection.



Group 7. Horizontal and vertical reflection.



These examples are provided to show the breadth of creativity in the art form and to illustrate the inherent mathematical characteristics of kowhaiwhai design.



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Poroporo shrub.

The colours red, black and white are often the only colours that appear in kowhaiwhai patterns. Any departure from this limited colour range is the exception rather than the rule.

Red was obtained by mixing red ochre with shark-liver oil.
Karamea and takou are ochreous earths that were roasted and burned before use. Kokowai and horu are names of an ochreous sediment deposited by certain streams.

Black paint was made by mixing shark oil with powdered charcoal obtained from certain resinous woods.

For white paint, taioma or pipeclay was burned then pulverised and mixed with oil. ³ European contact brought with it the introduction of new materials such as pencils, chalk, paper, card, cloth and commercial coloured paints to name but a few. One wonders how much of the retention of kow haiw hai patterns in template form and the development of kow haiw hai design as an art form, is owed to the introduction of these materials.⁴

Storytelling and Comparisons

Stories that explain the origin of kow haiw hai all share one thing in common. That kow haiw hai is portrayed as an art form secondary in status and importance to that of woodcarving (w hakairo) and tattooing (ta moko).

When kow haiw hai is compared to wood-carving and tattooing, several contrasts are apparent. Apart from the obvious differences of application and dimension, kow haiw hai is regarded as a temporary measure, useful for immediate purposes but not of lasting value, requires no special ritual of initiation, no formal training and is considered to be a common (noa) activity and therefore, can be carried out by anyone. Such freedom to explore and create is not enjoyed in the art forms of wood-carving and tattooing. One oral account from Ngati Kahungunu, traces the origin of both wood-carving and kow haiw hai. It tells us that:

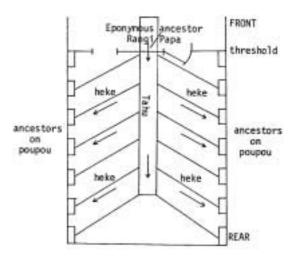
When Whiro, Haepuru and Haematua climbed up to the second heaven to obtain carvings for their house, they were told by one of the gods that the art of decorating houses with woodcarvings had already been taken away by their younger brothers. Whiro and his two friends complained to the god that they could not go begging to their younger brothers for the art, so the god showed them how to embellish a house with painted designs, 'painted it is said with red ochre, blue pigment, white clay and charcoal'. Whire and the others then descended and adorned their own house with painted designs. Best (1982:287-8...)



Locations and Association

As an art form, kow haiw hai is distinctively Maori, most often seen on the meeting house ridgepole (tahu or tahuhu) and on the rafters (heke).

of the ceiling, from the front apex woodcarving and tattooing, of the bargeboards that enclose the porch, through to the rear wall of the house. The rafters descend at regular intervals from the centre ridgepole, down to the top of each carved sidewall post (poupou). The ridgepole and rafters are considered standard locations for kow haiw hai although designs can also be found on other facing boards in the house and on the surrounds of tukutuku panels and windows. Patterns painted on the ridgepole will most often represent tribal genealogy. The main line of descent, beginning with the founding ancestor, is depicted as a single continuously flowing pattern. On the rafters, patterns depict diverging branches of descent.



The meeting house as a genealogical plan.

While these are the most likely places to find kowhaiwhai patterning today, in the past designs also appeared on monuments and mausoleums, on calabash water vessels, on

paddles and on the underside of canoe prows.

The fact that kow haiw hai is used to depict tribal lineage on the house ridgepole and rafters reveals that, although considered The ridgepole runs the full length to be of lesser importance to kow haiw hai never-the-less carries with it connotations and associations of "authority by descent (genealogical mana)". 4



Another example that illustrates the correlation between kow haiw hai and that of inherited power and authority is the use of incised kowhaiwhai patterns on gourd water vessels owned by those of high-birth. Gourds belonging to commoners were left plain. Other gourds cut lengthwise to form an open oval bowl and said to be used to receive the afterbirth of a highborn baby, were similarly decorated with kowhaiwhai patterns.

The link between the gourd plant (hue) and kow haiw hai patterns is well illustrated in the proverb; He kawai hue, he kawai tangata. (Human pedigrees are like the runners of a gourd plant). Richard Taylor (1855:155)

Historical Transition

The oldest known examples of kow haiw hai are the patterns painted on paddles. These paddles are extremely rare, found only in Museum collections throughout the world. They



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number in total, about twentytwo, dating from pre-European to later nineteenth century. When we consider that kow haiw hai patterning was probably brought here on paddles and on the underside of the canoe prow, it is logical to conclude that originally kow haiw hai had more maritime links than with house construction.

Exactly how and why kowhaiwhai developed to become more and more a part of house design and construction is perhaps answered in the gradual decline of the war canoe (waka taua) as a means of transport and as a symbol of prestige.

In pre-European times, the war canoe was viewed as the main symbol of tribal identity, unity and pride. The erosion of its symbolic function coincided with the growing popularity of the meeting house as the new symbol 2. puhoro - bad weather, stormy, of tribal prestige and unity. "The kow haiw hai painting that had been used on paddles and war canoes already carried the connotations of inherited authority and genealogical mana, so it was clearly a logical step to transfer this connotation to the new symbol of [kin-group] identity emerging in the form of

the meeting house." 5

Design Interpretation

Design names are mostly descriptions from nature although similarities between a pattern and the actual form after which the name is taken cannot always be easily seen. In most cases patterns are named after an animal, fish or plant and any resemblance is derived from a prominent feature of the animal. fish or plant.

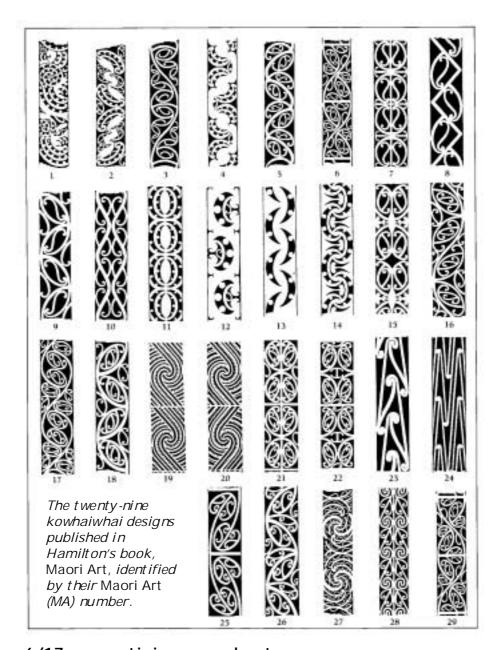
" ... kow haiw hai painting [is] the most formalised, most highly structured and most nonrepresentational of all Moari types of painting ..." 6

The following patterns and their corresponding names and meanings help to show that the link between pattern and real life form is tenuous. See p.7 for pattern illustrations.

- 1. Te Pit au-a-Manaia relates to the manaia figure in carving;
- method of rolling sails ... maritime associations, perhaps indicating that the primary use of the puhoro design was its application to the underside of war canoe prows
- 3. mango pare hammerhead shark
- 4. kowhaiwhai kape rua two eyebrows, two parts left out
- 5. kowhai ngutu kura red lips or red beak







6/17. mangotipi - mango houtu, mangoroa, mangowaharua, paremango - variants all related to mango or shark 16. koiri - bend or sway 7/8/9. kowhai ngutukaka - the scarlet Clianthus, also known as the 'red kow hai', 'parrot's bill', or 'kaka's beak', a drooping shrub with curved brilliant red flowers 10. patiki - flatfish or flounder 15. rautawa - leaf of tawa, a large forest tree 15. Rauru - relates to the Rauru spiral of woodcarving 19. Maui - relates to the carving

feature called 'the hook of Maui'



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Glossary

ata whiriwhiri-a-ropu: discuss

ataata: image ahuatanga: feature(s) hangai: appropriate

hangarite: symmetry - symmetrical hangarite hurihanga-hangarite hurihuri: rotational symmetry hangarite whakaata: reflection -

symmetry hoahoa: plan

hononga: connection - relationship

horopaki: context

hurihanga: rotation - revolution

kahupeka: linoleum

ka taea te mahi: construct -

constructed

korowai: tessellation

korowai ahua rite: semi-regular

t essellat ion

korowai rite: regular tessellation

matapaki: discuss

matau: know - be a quainted with -

understand - feel certain of mokowa: space - spatial nekehanga: translation ngatahi: together as one panga: relationship - effects

panoni: transform - transformation

papangarua: sewing fabric

pumau: fixed - constant - permanent -

invaria nt

reo ataata: visual language reo-a-waha: verbal language takai takoha: gift wrapping taparau rite: regular polygon

taruarua: repeating

tauira: pattern - formula - model -

ex ample

tauira ahuahanga: geometric pattern

tauira ahuahanga taruarua: repeating geometric pattern tautu: define - identify

tautuhi: define - identify - specify (in

written form)
torotoro: ex plore
whai wahi: involving
whakaahua: describe
whakaatanga: reflection

whakaatu: present - show - point out whakaaturanga: presentation whakaaturia: call attention to whakamahi: set to work whakamarama: explain

whakamatau: make to know - teach -

to trial

whakamatautau: test - trial - to try

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whakaniko: enhance whakapuaki: utter - disclose whakaputa: communicate whakarahinga: enlargement whakaraupapa: put in order

whakatau: mime

whakatauriterite: compare whakautu: respond - reply



Curriculum Links

Te Reo Maori I roto I te Marautanga o Aotearoa

WHENU: Matakitaki Whainga Paetae

[K.1]Ka mau te akonga ko te tikanga o te reo ataata he whakawhiti korero.

[K.2]Ka marama te akonga ki te hononga o te reo ataata ki te reoa-waha, mehemea ka puta ake I nga horopaki e taunga ana ia.

[K.3] Ka matakitaki, ka marama te akonga ki nga momo reo ataata, reo-a-waha, me te mohio ano ki te WHENU: Whakaatu panga o tetahi ki tetahi.

[K.4]Ka ahei te akonga ki te whakamarama i te ahua o nga panga o te reo ataata poto I takea mai I nga horopaki kaore ia e tino taunga ana.

Nga Pukenga

[K.1]ko te tautu I nga tumomo reo-a-waha e hangai ana ki te reo ataata

[K.2]ko te tautu I nga mohiotanga e tika ana kia mau I te akonga mai I nga reo ataata e whakaaturia ana ki te taha o te reo-a-waha

[K.3]ko te tautu I te hononga o te reo ataata ki te reo-a-waha [K.4]ko te w hakatauriterite I nga mahinga reo ataata

Aro Matawai Ka whakaaturia tana tohungatanga ki te: Koeke 1:

- tautu I te panga atu o te reo-awaha ki nga tohu ataata.
- tautu I nga tohu a te Maori penei I te mangopare, te ikatere ...

Koeke 2:

- w hakamarama I te ahuatanga o te reo ataata
- whakamarama I nga rereketanga o te reo-a-waha I te • ko te whakakotahi I te reo

reo ataata.

whakaputa reo-a-waha e hangai ana ki te ahua o te reo ataata.

Koeke 3:

 whakamarama Inga ahuatanga whai kiko, kaore ranei e whai kiko, o te noho tahi a te reo-awaha me te reo ataata.

Koeke 4:

- whakatau I te whainga o tetahi mahinga reo ataata
- whakamarama I nga panga o nga tino ahuatanga e kitea ana I te reo ataata

Whainga Paetae

[K.1]Ka taea e te akonga te whakaputa whakaaro (e pa ana ki ona hiahia I roto I tona ao) ki te reo-a-tinana me nga reo ataata.

[K.2]Ka taea e te akonga te whakaputa reo-a-waha, reo ataata hoki e pa ana ki nga kaupapa e taunga ana ia.

[K.3]Ka taea e te akonga te whakamahi ngatahi te reo-a-waha me te reo ataata kia puta ai nga panga e hiahiatia ana.

[K.4]Ka whakaatu te akonga I te reo ataata I nga horopaki huhua, a, e hangai ana te whakaaturanga ki te kaimatakitaki.

Nga Pukenga [K.1]

 ko te tuhi ataata mama hei whakawhiti mohio.

[K.2]

- ko te matau ki nga rereketanga o te reo ataata I te reo-a-wah
- ko te tautu I te putake o te reo ataata
- ko te hanga I nga ataata whakaniko I te reo-a-waha

[K3]

- ko te tautu I nga panga o etahi ahuatanga reo ataata



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- ataata me te reo-a-waha
- ko te tipako I te ahuatanga reo ataata e hangai ana ki te reo-awaha
- ko te whakamahi I tetahi ahuatanga reo ataata e whai hua ai te korero

[K.4]

- ko te tipako I nga ahuatanga reo ataata e hangai ana ki te horopaki
- ko te w hakaatu I te reo ataata e Maori ana te titiro
- ko te tautu I te hangai o nga ahuatanga reo ataata ki te horopaki

Aro Matawai Ka whakaaturia tana tohungatanga ki te: Koeke 1:

- tuhi, ki te hanga I nga tohu ataata e hangai ana ki te reo-awaha.
- whakaatu I nga tohu Maori.

Koeke 2:

- whakawhiti mohio ki te reo ataata.
- whakamahi Inga ahuatanga reo ataata hei whakaniko I te reo-a-waha.
- whakautu I nga whakaaro ki te reo ataata.

Koeke 3:

- whakamahi I nga ahuatanga reo Kori Tinana ti-rakau roa ataata mama.
- whakataurite I nga hua o nga ahuatanga reo ataata.
- whakamahi ngatahi I te reo ataata me te reo-a-waha kia whai hua ai te korero.

Koeke 4:

 whakaatu reo ataata kia whai hua ai ki te hunga matakitaki Maori.

Pangarau I roto I te Marautanga o Aotearoa

Te Ahuatanga Nga Whainga Paetae Te torotoro hangarite, panoni I roto I nga horopaki whai tikanga, me mohio te akonga: [T.1]ki te hanga, ki te whakaahua I nga tauira hangarite, tauira taruarua

[T.2]ki te hanga, ki te whakaahua tauira ahauhanga taruarua (ka whakaatu I te nekehanga),tauira hangarite huri, hangarite whakaata ke ranei

[T.3]ki te hoahoa, ki te mahi mai l tetahi tauira e whai wahi mai ana te nekehanga whakaatanga, te hurihanga ranei

[T.4]ki te whakaahua I te hangarite whakaata, I te hangarite hurihuri ranei o tetahi ahua, taonga ranei

He Tauira Horopaki [T.1]

Nga Tauira I Roto I Nga Mahi **Toi-** he ata titiro I

- nga tauira kow haiw hai (puhoro, mangopare, kow hai ngutukaka)
- nga tauira tamoko [T.2]
- *Tangaroa -* nga ahua e kitea ana I te taha moana, ara, nga anga, nga kota, nga toka, nga ngaru.
- **Tane Mahuta** He ata tirotiro I nga tauira taruarua I roto I te taiao (nga rau o te rarauhe, te ahua o nga rakau, nga rau, nga putiputi...)

[T.3]

- Kapa Haka waiata-a-ringa, waiata-poi, haka taiaha, haka mere...

[T.4]

- Nga Rohe-a-Iwi, a-hapu Hei titiro ki nga awa, ki nga roto, ki nga pae maunga, ki nga pa kainga, nga marae...
- Te Pitau Me pehea te hanga pitau?

He Tauira Mahi Anei etahi tauira mahi e taea ai nga whainga paetae o tenei taumata te whakatutuki: Taumata 1 Me mohio te akonga ki te



hanga, ki te whakaahua I nga tauira hangarite, tauira taruaru;

 hanga, he matapaki ahua e whai wahi mai ana he panoni (whakaatanga, hurihanga, nekehanga, whakarahinga)



 he whiriwhiri, he hanga tauira hangarite

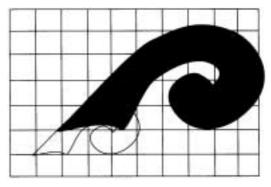
Me mohio te akonga ki te huri haurua, huri hauwha I tona ake tinana, I etahi atu taong hoki. he whiriwhiri huringa haurua, hauwha ranei I roto I nga mahi kapahaka, huakori tinana, aha ke ranei.

Taumata 2 Me mohio te akonga ki te hanga, ki te whakaahua tauira ahuahanga taruarua(ka whakaatu I te nekehanga),

tauira hangarite huri, hangarite whakaata ke ranei;

- he hanga, he matapaki I nga tauira ahua taruarua, whakaata ranei:
- he ata tirotiro I nga tauira I roto I nga kowhaiwhai, whakairo.Me ata mahi mai e nga akonga tetahi papa kowhaiwhai hei whakairi ma ratou ki roto I te tawhanga ako;
- he torotoro w hakarahinga. Hei

w hakatauira:



Taumata 3 Me mohio te akonga ki te whakaahua tauiara I runga ano I te ahua o te panoni, ara, he whakaatanga, he hangarite hurihuri, he nekehanga ke ranei;

 he hoahoa tauira e whai wahi mai ana he nekehanga, he whakaatanga, he hurihanga ranei. (Ko te wharenui tonu tetahi wahi pai hei torotoro I enei momo panoni - kei nga whakairo me nga kowhaiwhai etahi tauira o enei panoni e mau ana.)

Me mohio te akonga ki te hoahoa, ki te mahi mai I te tetahi tauira e whai wahi mai ana te nekehanga, te whakaatanga, te huritanga ranei;

Me mohio te akonga ki te whakanui I nga ahua mama ki te pepa tukutuku, kia hangai ai te rahinga ake ki tera kua whakaritea;

 he whakanui, he whakaiti ranei I te ahua o tetahi tauira kua ata whakaritea hei whiriwhiri ma te akonga;

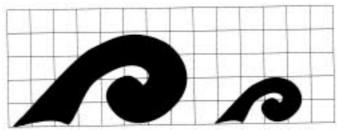
Me mohio te akonga ki te whakaahua I te hangarite





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whakaata, I te hangarite hurihuri ranei o tetahi ahua,



taonga ranei;

- he whakaahua hangarite (whakaata, hurihuri) e kitea mai ana I roto I nga tauira, (penei I te kow haiw hai, I te takai takoha, I nga tauira papanga...
- he torotoro I nga korowai rite e toru, I nga korowai ahua rite ranei e waru, ka taea te mahi mai ki nga taparau rite (tapatoru, tapawha, taparima...)

Me mohio te akonga ki te whakanui, ki te whakaiti ranei I whakaatanga, he hurihanga, he tetahi ahua ahu-2, ka tautuhi ai nekehanga ranei te panoni e I nga ahuatanga pumau

He Tauira Aro Matawai He tauira noa enei hei awhina I te kaiwhakaako: Taumata 1:

- Me mahi takirua nga akonga, ka tuhi whakaahua tetahi, ka whakaahua ai I tana I tuhi ai ki I nga kupu ahuahanga e tika ana. Ko ta tana hoa, he tuhi I te hangarite hurihanga e toru ke mea e whakaahuatia ana. Ki te toka a raua mahi, ka orite te ahua o a raua tuhinga.
- He hanga tauira ki te riwai, ki te hopi, ki te kahupeka, ki te ukupoke ranei, ka mahi mai I etahi tauira taruarua, hangarite ranei

Taumata 2:

• He mahi mai I tetahi tauira

kow haiw hai. Ahakoa he aha te momo, ko te mea nui ke kia hangarite te ahua, a, kia tika nga inenga.

Taumata 3:

- Ko te marae. Me ata whiriwhiri-a-ropu nga ahuatanga hangarite o roto I te wharenui.
- (1) Ma ia akonga e whakaatu, e whakamarama tetahi tauira ki tana ropu:
- (2)Ka mahi takirua nga akonga. Ka ata tuhi te akonga I tetahi haurua noa iho o tetahi tauira kua kitea e ia. Ko ta tana hoa, he whakaoti I taua tauira I runga ano I te ahua o nga whakamarama mai a te akonga nana I timata te whakaahua. Me whakaatu e te kaituhi mehemea he hiahiatia ana hei whakaoti tika L tana tauira haurua.
- He hanga tauira ki te rorohiko. (Ko te "Logo" te pumanawa rorohiko e whakamahia whanuitia ana.)

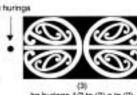
Taumata 4: He hoahoa, he hanga:

tana hoa, me te whakamahi ano (1)takai takoha, papangarua ranei e whai wahi mai ana tetahi nga hurihanga o roto, me tetahi nekehanga;

> (2)kow haiw hai e whai wahi mai ana he nekehanga, he whakaatanga (penei I te mangopare, I te ikatere,...).









English In The New Zealand Curriculum LEVELS 1 and 2 CURRICULUM LINKS

Visual Language: Viewing Achievement Objectives Reading visual ... texts ... students should:

respond to meanings and ideas
 ... identifying and describing
 the ... visual features

In achieving the objectives of understanding and using visual language, students should:

- understand that communication involves ... visual features which have conventionally accepted meanings
- show an awareness of how ... images can be combined to make meaning
- view and use visual texts to gain and present information, become familiar with and use appropriate technologies,... to present ideas

Teaching and Learning Context: In a study of kowhaiwhai patterns, the class:

- visits the Auckland Museum, where students view and discuss the kowhaiwhai patterns of Hotunui, the carved Meeting House.
- makes a collection of illustrations and photographs of kow haiw hai patterns for display in a learning centre throughout the duration of the study.
- discusses the ways kow haiw hai patterns are presented and how meanings are conveyed.
- learn about and become familiar with concepts and

terms associated with kow haiw hai design (e.g. puhoro, mangopare, kow hai ngutukaka, patiki ...).

Assessment

The teacher notes the extent to which the students understand the meanings of the kow haiw hai patterns they have explored in the course of the study.

Visual Language: Presenting Achievement Objectives Using static ... images, students should:

- present ideas using simple kow haiw hai designs
- use ... visual features to communicate ideas or stories using kowhaiwhai patterns.

In achieving the objectives of understanding and using visual language, students should:

- understand that communication involves verbal and visual features which have conventionally accepted meanings.
- view and use visual texts to gain and present information, become familiar with and use appropriate technologies, ... to present ideas.

Teaching and Learning Context: exploring the interrelationship between dramatic, verbal and visual features

The teacher and students
 collaborate in writing a story
 from a shared experience or
 alternatively, one could be
 chosen from Moari
 strorytelling. Other possibilities
 could mean choosing a haka,
 waiata-a-ringa, waiata-poi and/
 or play as the study focus.



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- the main features of their study Level 1 focus that will be portrayed in simple kow haiw hai design.
- Individually or in small groups, students choose one or more of the main features, and using either pencil, crayon or paint, create a kow haiw hai pattern to reflect their choice.
- Captions can be written for each pattern.
- Kow haiw hai patterns are arranged so that they reflect the sequence of the main events as they occur in the study focus.
- The teacher and students discuss how the story sequence is illustrated in kowhaiwhai patterns.

Assessment .

- The teacher assesses the students' ability to retell the study focus story-line and choose suitable images.
- The teacher observes the students during the activity and notes their participation, awareness and understanding of how words and images relate to one another.

Mathematics in the New Zealand Curriculum Geomet ry

Achievement Objectives Exploring symmetry and transformations Within a range of meaningful contexts, students should be able to:

[L.1] create and talk about symmetrical and repeating patterns.

[L.2] create and talk about geometric patterns which repeat (show translation), or which have rotational or reflection symmetry.

The teacher and students select Suggested Learning Experiences

Students should be:

- using appropriate maths equipment and/or art materials, to view, talk about and design kow haiw hai patterns which involve transformations: turning over (reflecting), turning around (rotating), **moving without** turning (translating), enlarging;
- using a variety of maths equipment (jig-saw puzzles, coloured blocks, beads and shapes ...) to explore ways of fitting shapes together to cover surfaces (tessellations, tesselating);
- finding image pairs, where one is the enlargement of the other, within kowhaiwhai patterns;
- making and talking about pairs of objects, where one is the enlargement of the other.

Level 2 Students should be:

- using a kow haiw hai motif, to explore and record the results of turning it over (reflecting) and around (rotating, both clockwise and anticlockwise):
- exploring and creating kow haiw hai patterns involving translation, reflection and rotational symmetry;
- using grid paper of various unit sizes to explore ways of covering surfaces with regular shapes (tessellating);
- using the overhead projector and/or playdough to explore the enlargement of shapes and objects.

Sample Assessment Activities Level 1

While students are sitting back to

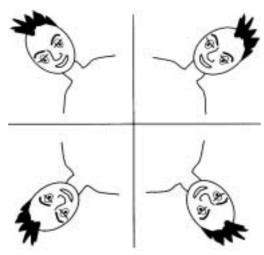
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back in pairs, each with an identical set of kow haiw hai motif stencils (that have been prepared by the teacher) one of the pair creates a pattern and then describes it. The partner then makes a copy of the pattern using the instructions given. The activity is concluded when both patterns are compared.

Level 2

 Students create a design which has rotational symmetry, using a kowhaiwhai motif template attached to a piece of paper by a drawing pin.



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Using magazines, students
 make a poster which identifies
 shapes that have both
 rotational and reflection
 symmetry. First, selections are
 made, pictures cut out and
 pasted on to a large piece of
 paper and finally, lines of
 symmetry are drawn through
 each selection.

English In The New Zealand Curriculum

Levels 3 and 4 CURRICULUM LINKS

Visual Language: Viewing Achievement Objectives Reading visual ... texts ... students should:

- respond to and discuss meanings and ideas, identifying and describing the effects of and links between verbal and visual features.
- respond to and discuss meanings, ideas and effects, identifying the purposes for which the verbal and visual features are used and combined.

In achieving the objectives of understanding using visual language, students should:

- identify important features of ... visual language and use them to create particular meanings and effects.
- identify and discuss ways in which verbal and visual features can be combined for a particular purpose and audience.

Teaching and Learning Context: In a study of kowhaiwhai patterns, the class:

- views a selection of kowhaiwhai patterns.
- listens to explanations and stories associated with each design and note is taken of new vocabulary.
- discusses how these ideas and stories are conveyed through design, form and colour.
- while working in groups are able to select a Topic and/or Theme to produce kowhaiwhai showing the ways in which they



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have combined visual and verbal elements to portray their Topic / Theme.

Assessment

Group presentations are assessed for evidence that important verbal and non-verbal features have been identified and represented.

Visual Language: Presenting Achievement Objectives Using static ... images, students should:

- use ... visual features to communicate information, ideas or narrative through kowhaiwhai patterns
- combine verbal and visual features to communicate information, ideas or narrative through kowhaiwhai pattern.

In achieving the objectives of understanding and using visual language, students should:

- identify important features of ... visual language and use them to create particular meanings and effects.
- identify and discuss ways in which verbal and visual features can be combined for a particular purpose and audience.

Teaching and Learning Context:a topic related to the local people and/or area.

- Students examine a range of kow haiw hai patterns and note features of presentation such as layout and design form.
- Working in small groups, students are set the task of producing a group design to promote some significant feature(s) of their local community / district to visitors.

- Students gather, collate and assemble the necessary information for developing their presentation.
- The groups prepare their draft designs and discuss them with their peers for response in terms of suitability of the design and accuracy of information.
- Draft designs are revised, changed and/or altered where necessary.
- Completed designs are displayed in a centre-of-interest created in either the classroom or school Library.

Assessment

- The teacher and students examine the designs and assess them for effectiveness, coherence of organisation, layout and suitability for the purpose.
- The teacher observes students' participation in the process and their understanding of the effects of visual language.

Mathematics in the New Zealand Curriculum Geometry
Achievement Objectives
Exploring symmetry and transformations
Within a range of meaningful contexts, students should be able to:
[L3]

- describe patterns in terms of reflection and rotation symmetry, and translations;
- design and make a pattern which involves translation, reflection, or rotation;
- enlarge, on grid paper, simple shapes to a specified scale.



[L.4]

 enlarge and reduce a twodimensional shape and identify the invariant properties.

Suggested Learning Experience Level 3

Students should be:

- using mirrors and scissors to cut out kowhaiwhai motifs to explore reflection and rotational symmetry;
- designing kowhaiwhai patterns which involve translation, reflection or rotation;
- enlarging or reducing shapes on grid paper ... to a specified scale (e.g.1/2, 2)

Level 4 Students should be:

- describing the symmetry (reflection and rotation) in kow haiw hai patterns
- exploring the three regular, and the eight semi-regular, tessellations constructed from regular polygons (equilateral triangles, squares, pentagons, hexagons, octagons and dodecagons)
- investigating properties of shapes ... that are or are not changed by enlargement (length, area, volume, angle size, shape and orientation)

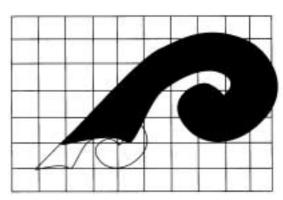
Sample Assessment Activities Level 3

Students choose ONE kow haiw hai motif stencil to trace around. They could make their selection from either those made by the teacher and/or those designed and made by the pupils themselves. Their task is to create a kow haiw hai pattern where their

single choice of motif is shown to be reflected, rotated and translated in their design.

Level 4

 Students enlarge on grid paper simple kow haiw hai shapes by a specified scale such as 2 or 1/2 and describe any features that have not changed after the enlargement.



 Students design and make a kow haiw hai pattern involving translations and reflections.
 Students choose either an insect, animal or fish to base their design on. Once the choice is made, an image is developed representing their choice. This image appears as the basic motif of their kow haiw hai pattern.



Activities

Pre-visit Activities

- Interest using photographs, drawings and pictures that display kow haiw hai design and patterning.
- Storytelling that reinforces the idea that kow haiw hai has connotations of family and ancestors are shared. Some suggestions: "Kupe raua ko Ngahue" He Kohikohinga 7, 1993 "Whatonga raua ko Toi-te-Huatahi" He Kohikohinga 7, 1993 "Raukawa" He Kohikohinga 13, 1995
- Aotearoa, 1992 • Discussion at home with family members is encouraged to enable simple genealogy charts

to be made.

"Te Takenga Mai o Te Kumara

Ki Aotearoa" Nga Tamariki Iti o

- Using information shared at home about their family history or storytelling shared at school, students are encouraged to develop a kow haiw hai stencil that would later be used as the basic design element in a kow haiw hai pattern. These stencils can be made using either thick paper or thin card in A.4. size. After initial sketches on draft paper, the stencil outline is drawn on to the quarter that is revealed after the A.4. sheet is folded twice. The outline is then cut out so that FOUR identical stencils are produced.
- Stencils are reflected, rotated and/or translated to create kow haiw hai patterns.
- Oral presentations are encouraged where patterns are displayed and the associated storytelling is re-told.

Post-visit Activities

- Create a Kowhaiwhai Centre of
 ◆ As a class or in small groups or as individuals, brainstorm impressions of the kowhaiwhai patterns on display at the Museum. These impressions are published for display in the classroom.
 - A class survey is carried out to identify and collect examples of kow haiw hai patterning in Logo designs e.g. Auckland Museum - Weird & Wonderful logo, Air New Zealand logo, Auckland City Council logo.
 - The teacher and students collaborate in writing a story that reflects the school/class as a "big family" having ancestral ties that are as many and as varied as the members of the school/class.
 - In groups or as individuals, students participate in creating a "Logo" for their class or school that is based on kow haiw hai design elements.

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Auckland Museum Worksheet

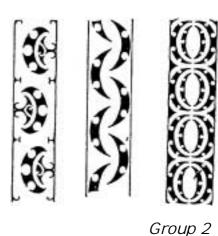
The Kowhaiwhai Patterns of Hotunui

The following kow haiw hai patterns have been put into six groups of similar styles. Match each of the kow haiw hai patterns in Hotunui to a particular group of designs on this Worksheet. Keep track by entering the tally on the line beside each design group.

LOOK CLOSELY!

How many Group 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, designs are there in Hotunui?

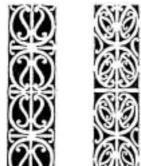
















Group 5

Group 6



Activities

Te Papa Whakahiku. He Wharangi Mahi

Nga Tauira Kowhaiwhai o Hotunui.

Anei e whai ake nei, etahi roopu tauira kowhaiwhai e ono. He ahua orite nga tauira o ia roopu, engari, he rereke ia roopu. Kimihia nga mahi kowhaiwhai i roto I te wharenui o Hotunui, kia taurite ki enei, nga roopu tauira nei. Ki te haere pai, me tuhia he tohu kaute I runga I te raina I te taha o ia roopu tauira.

ATA TITIRO!

E hia nga tauira roopu 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 kei roto I te wharenui o Hotunui?



Group 1







Group 2



Group 3







Group 4



Group 5







Group 6





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