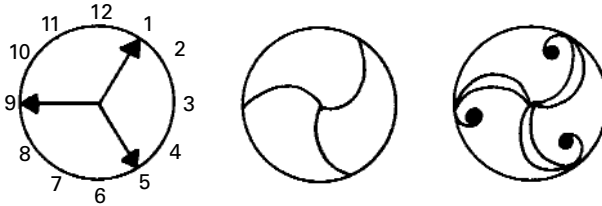


How to draw some simple 'celtic' designs

Remember though, that what we often call 'celtic art' today really covers designs from as far back as the Iron Age or as recent as the medieval period! It's not all from the same time or people.

Triskele:



Triskeles can be part of bigger designs.



- Imagine a clock face with three hands, at 1, 5 and 9 o'clock.
- Draw a curved line for each hand of this clock
- Add twirly bits on the ends

Spiral:

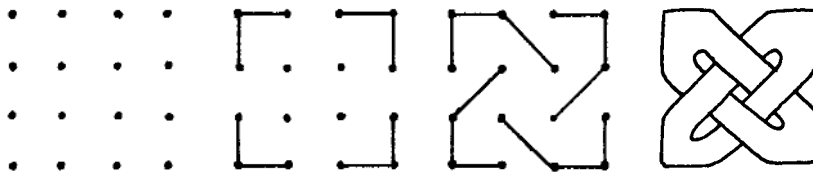


Try some free-hand 'running spirals' as well.



- Start with a circle with dots through it
- Draw an 'S' shape through the middle of the three dots
- Continue the ends of the 'S', one at a time through each dot

Square Knot:

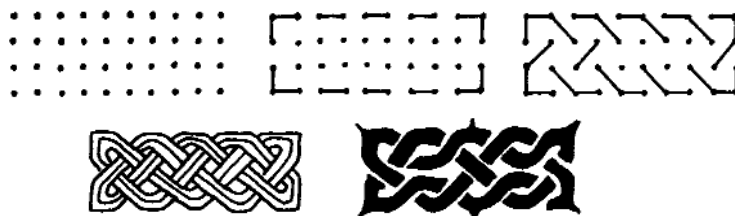


Some patterns are best drawn then the 'unders and overs' worked out on top.

- Start with a grid of dots, 4 x 4 (graph paper makes this easy!)
- Draw in the corners
- Join each corner to a dot diagonally from it
- You can fatten up the lines for different effects



Interlace Pattern:



Try adding animal heads and tails to an interlace design.



- Use the same method as above, but more dots!
- Do the corners and outside first
- Then the diagonals
- Connect pairs of leftover dots to complete the design
- You can make the same design more complicated by changing how you join the dots up