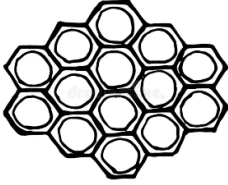


Snowflakes and Triangles

An activity of "Why Nature Likes Patterns".

Read the article "Why Nature Likes Patterns" (page 19, *What's Up* July 2023).

1) Sketch as many patterns as you can find in nature in the table below:

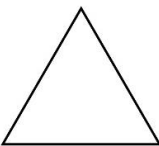
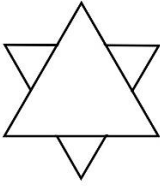
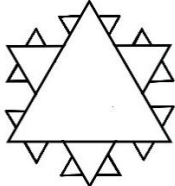
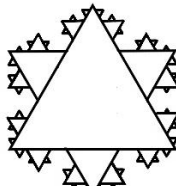
 e.g. honeycomb		

2) In a fractal pattern, the same image is repeated smaller and smaller infinitely. Watch the following video about fractals and what a Koch Snowflake is:

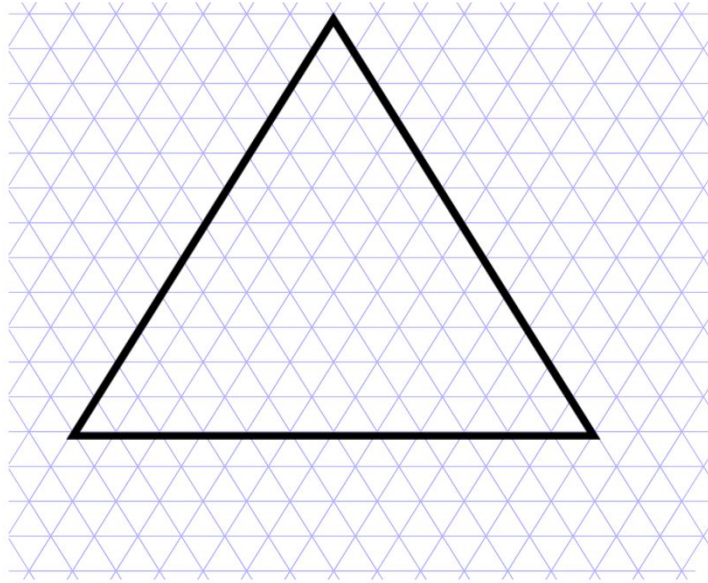
What is a Fractal (and what are they good for)?

➤ <https://youtu.be/WFtTdf3I6Ug> (MITK12Videos, 11 June 2015)

Follow the instructions to draw a Koch Snowflake.

1) Draw an equilateral triangle.	2) Add smaller triangles on the sides of the first one to make a six-sided star.	3) Draw an even smaller triangle in the middle of each side of each triangle.	4) Keep adding triangles in the middle of each side of each triangle.
			

Create your Koch Snowflake!



2) Here is another example of a fractal — the Sierpinski Triangle. Follow the instructions to make one!

	<p>Step 1 Draw an upside-down triangle inside the big triangle, with the corners touching the mid-points of the big triangle's edges.</p> <p>Step 2 Draw upside-down triangles inside every right-way-up triangle, until you can't draw smaller!</p>
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Did you get something that looks like this? [1920px-Sierpinski triangle.svg.png \(1920×1663\) \(wikimedia.org\)](#)

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