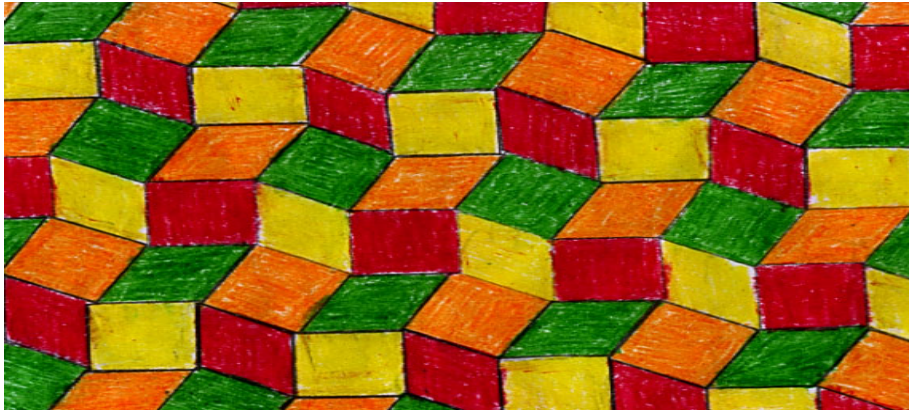


# Tantalizing Tessellations



M.C. Escher (1898-1972), a Dutch artist, is best known for his work with tessellations. He derived his inspiration from the Islamic art in the Moorish Palace *Alhambra* in Granada, Spain (1922 and 1936). While fascinated with the Moorish mosaics, Escher made a significant departure from these abstract designs by including living things in his art such as horses (*Pegasus*, 1960), birds, and reptiles.

You will be creating designs called tessellations using transformations. With a little imagination and the use of color, you can tile the plane with your own “*tantalizing tessellations*” capturing the spirit of Escher.