

motif[məv'ti:f] *n*

1. основная тема, лейтмотив главная мысль
2. мотив, элемент орнамента, повторяющийся узор *или* цвет
3. *муз.* мотив
4. украшение из кружев *или* сутажа (*на платье*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

motif [motif motifs] *BrE* [məv'ti:f] ^m *NAmE* [mou'ti:f] ^m **noun**

1. a design or a pattern used as a decoration
 - wallpaper with a flower motif
 2. a subject, an idea or a phrase that is repeated and developed in a work of literature or a piece of music
- see also** †leitmotif, **Syn:** †theme

Word Origin:

mid 19th cent.: from French.

Example Bank:

- Alienation is a central motif in her novels.
- The jacket has a rose motif on the collar.
- The rug was decorated with a simple flower motif.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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1. an idea, subject, or image that is regularly repeated and developed in a book, film, work of art etc:
 - The theme of creation is a recurrent motif in Celtic mythology.
2. a small picture or pattern used to decorate something plain:
 - a white T-shirt with a blue fish motif
3. an arrangement of notes that is often repeated in a musical work

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THESAURUS

- **pattern** a regularly repeated arrangement of shapes, colours, or lines on a surface: Some of his pictures use patterns of dots. | The lines formed a regular pattern.
- **design** a pattern used for decorating something, especially cloth or paper: curtains with a floral design (=based on flowers)
- **markings** the coloured patterns and shapes on an animal's fur, feathers, or skin: the tiger's black and orange markings
- **motif** *formal* a single shape that is regularly repeated to form a pattern which decorates something: A triangle within a square is a very common motif in Muslim art. | The shield motif in the frescoes at Knossos is a religious, not a military, symbol.

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