

# Decoding the **Cypher**

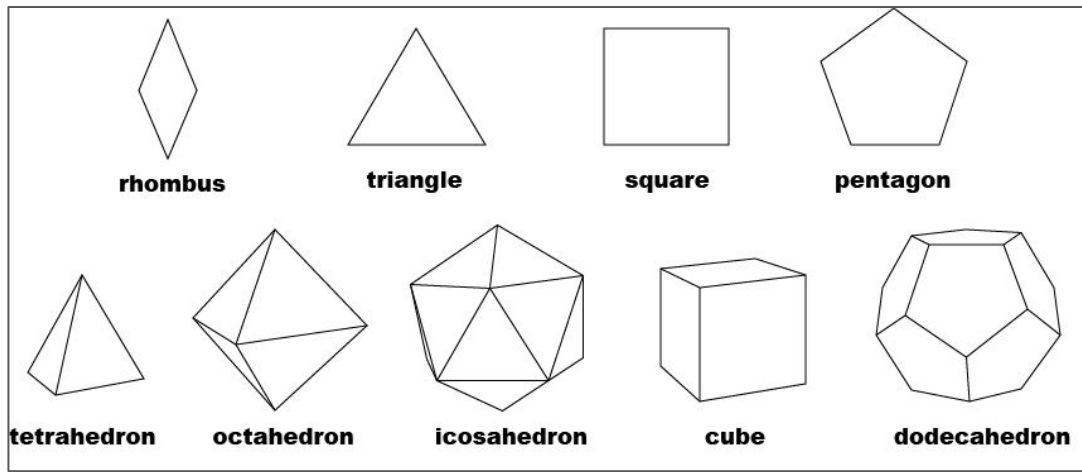
Finding the Math in Sanford Biggers' Art

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This is Sanford Biggers working in his studio.

What is Sanford doing?



What shapes can you find in this quilt?





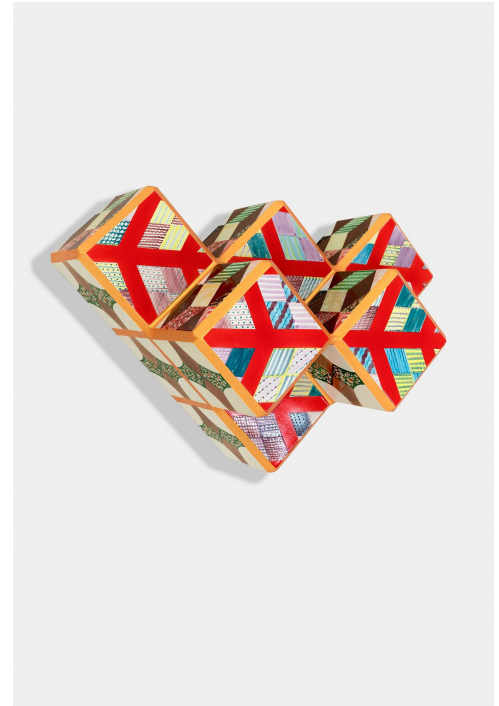
How are the shapes arranged to make a pattern?



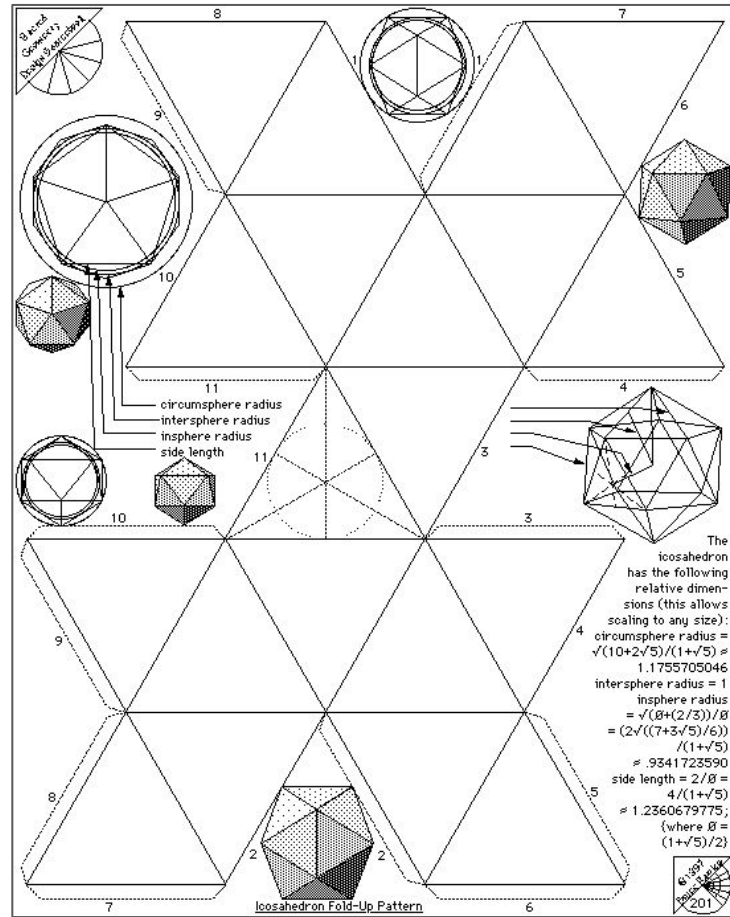
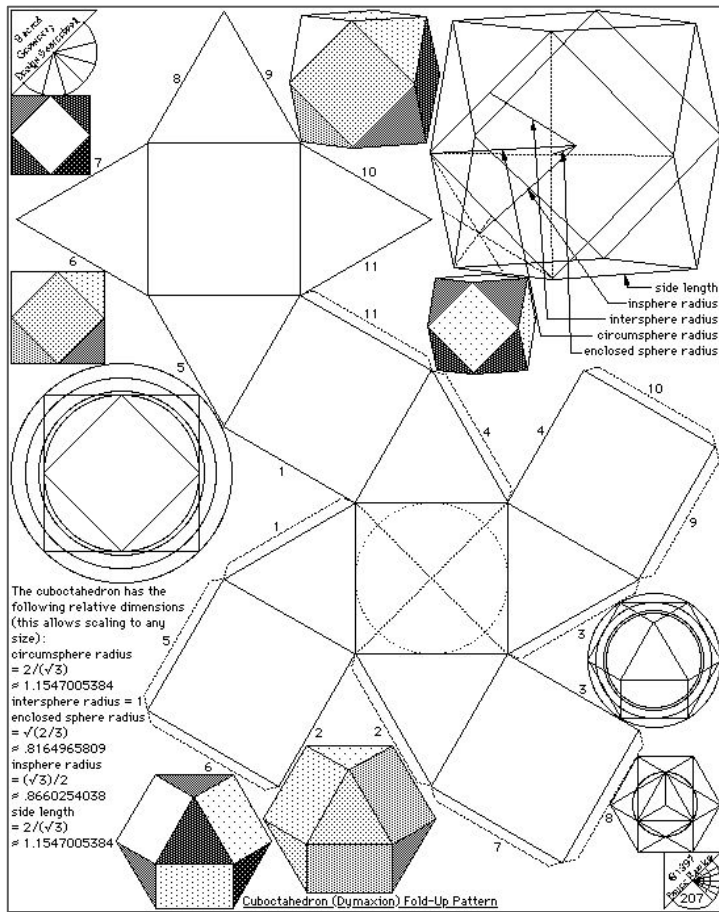
Can you find a rhombus? Or a tetrahedron?



What shapes appear most often in these works?



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Use a 2D foldable template to make your own 3D shapes.





Read the [comic](#) by John Jennings, David Brame and Esperanza Bey, which is inspired/in response to Sanford Biggers' artwork.

# Resources

Biggers, S., Andersson, A., & Bessa, A. S. (2020). *Sanford Biggers: Codeswitch*. New Haven, CT, CT: Yale University Press.