

# Dorset Stained Glass

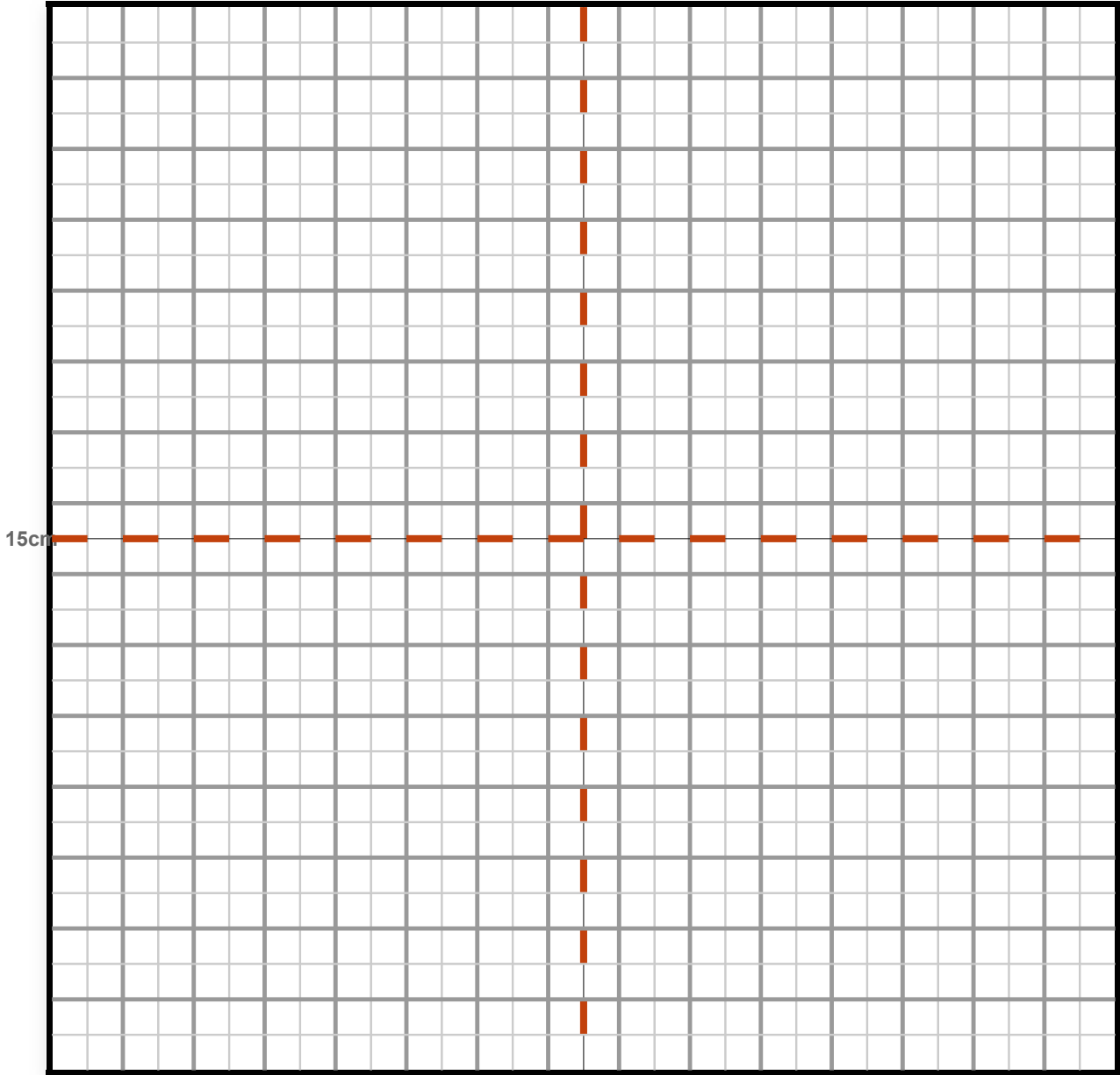
## Design Template - 15cm x 15cm

### How to Use This Template:

1. **Print Settings:** Print this page at 100% scale (no scaling or "fit to page"). Check your printer settings to ensure actual size printing.
2. **Verify Size:** After printing, measure the template border - it should be exactly 15cm x 15cm. If not, adjust your printer settings and reprint.
3. **Design Your Pattern:** Use a pencil to sketch your design directly on the grid. Each small square is 5mm x 5mm, and bold lines mark every centimeter.
4. **Keep It Simple:** For your first piece, aim for 6-12 pieces of glass. Avoid very thin pieces (less than 2cm wide) as they're harder to cut and work with.
5. **Number Your Pieces:** Once happy with your design, number each section. This helps during construction and lets you plan your glass colors.
6. **Bring to Class:** Bring your finished design to your course. We'll refine it together if needed and create your working template.

### Design Tips for Beginners:

- **Flowing Lines:** Gentle curves are easier to cut than sharp angles or very tight curves
- **Piece Size:** Aim for pieces at least 2cm at their narrowest point
- **Symmetry:** Symmetrical designs are easier to plan and often look more balanced
- **Lead Lines:** Remember that lead will add about 5mm between each piece and copper foil a couple of mm
- **Inspiration:** Look at nature, geometric patterns, Art Nouveau designs, or bring your own ideas!



*Small squares = 5mm x 5mm | Bold lines = 1cm intervals | Dashed lines = Center (7.5cm)*

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