# The Many Facets of Symmetry 

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## Mirrors

- Two 6 inch by 12 mirrors at an angle of $180 / \mathrm{n}$ embody the dihedral group $\mathbf{D}_{\mathrm{n}}$.



## Mirrors (Cont.)

- Parallel mirrors give infinite dihedral group.

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\mathbf{v} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{llll}
1 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right.
$$

- Three mirrors can give glide reflections.

| M | 7 | $M$ | $T$ | $\begin{array}{r}M \\ \hline\end{array}$ | T |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | , | 1 | , | 1 | , |
| R | M | R | G | R | G |

## Frieze Patterns

- Have students find all the different types of frieze patterns given examples of 2 of them.
- Ex. T T T T
- Ex. L L L L


## Flow Charts



## Subgroup Lattice



## Two Color Frieze Patterns

- Ex. $\wedge \vee \wedge \vee \wedge \vee \wedge \vee$ has only vertical mirrors and translations preserving colors. But 180 rotations and glide reflections can switch colors. pmg2/pm11 or TVRG/TV


## Subgroup Lattice



- Color preserving group must be subgroup of entire group (switching and preserving).
- Students can list all 22 possible pairs and hunt for the 17 possible ones.


## Wallpaper Patterns

- Mirrors for kaleidoscopes
- flowcharts, two-color.
- Brick patterns (built from $2 \times 1$ rectangles)


## Weaving Patterns



Weaving Patterns (II)


## Polyhedra

- Counting and analyzing symmetries



## Symmetry Tour



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