HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT #5

Frieze Patterns

1. Choose any 10 frieze patterns (border patterns) selected from the following pages in the text: (Greek/Roman (p. 136), Egyptian (p. 137), Mexican/Native American (p. 138), Arabic (p. 139), Persian (p. 140), Japanese (p. 141), or Chinese (p. 142). Make sure there is at least one border design for each culture.

Then for each pattern:

2. Clearly indicate which pattern you are analyzing (e.g., "Arabic 3" would be the third pattern down from the top of p. 139).

3. Roughly sketch the smallest repeating motif you can find.

4. Using this motif, clearly indicate which of the seven frieze patterns that the design illustrates. (Don't just give a name; also indicate why you think this is correct.)

5. In a sentence or two, add any additional comments or qualifications that you may have.

Extra Credit

6. If you have any ideas or hypotheses about the various cultures, write a paragraph or two about your observations. (Note: This really is extra credit. Only do it if you are interested and have something you would like to say. It is not worth doing just to add a point or two to your homework grade.)