# Coding with Scratch: Learning Loops: Repetition Loops (Drawing Regular Polygons) 

## National Curriculum

Use sequence, selection and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output.
Aim
To use a loop to repeat a sequence of instructions for a specific task.

## Lesson Duration

This lesson will last approximately 60 minutes.

## Key Vocabulary

Loop, regular polygon, repeat, repetition, customise, nested.

## Preparation

What Am I? Activity Sheet - one per pair or group.
Differentiated Drawing Regular Polygons Activity Sheet - one per child as required.
Please access Lesson 3 (Example Pattern) within the

Prior Learning: Children will already be familiar with the idea of loops in coding and should be able to explain the advantages of using them. In the previous lesson, children looked in more detail at using a count-controlled loop to repeat actions a specific number of times. They should also be able to customise repeat blocks in order to make their code more efficient.

Learning Sequence
Remember It: Use the Lesson Presentation to remind children what an algorithm is. Ask children to think about
examples of algorithms in everyday life. Use the on-screen examples to help children recognise common types of
algorithms used in everyday life. Compare algorithms with and without loops and remind children about how loops

provide a quicker and easier way to write sets of repeated instructions. | What Is a Regular Polygon?: Ask children to think about what a regular polygon is before looking at the examples |
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| in the Lesson Presentation. Ensure that children understand the definition of a regular polygon and that they can |
| identify regular 2D polygons. In pairs or small groups, children can complete the What Am I? Activity Sheet to |
| ensure that they can identify a range of regular polygons and describe the number of sides and angles. |

|  | Drawing Regular Polygons: Use the Lesson Presentation to introduce children to their coding task. The task challenges them to write algorithms in Scratch to draw a range of regular polygons. Children can work individually or in pairs using the appropriate differentiated Drawing Regular Polygons Activity Sheet. Encourage children to test their algorithms and debug the instructions if they find an error. <br> Children draw simple <br> Children draw simple 2D <br> Children draw a wider 2D shapes using the shapes, organising the range of 2D shapes, suggested blocks into calculating the angles algorithms. in each shape and customising the blocks as required. |  |
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| oon | Perfect Patterns: Use the Lesson Presentation to show children how their learning about loops and regular polygons can be utilised to create complex patterns. Look in more depth at the code provided on the slide for a spiral pattern based on an octagon. Ensure that children understand that two loops are used within the algorithm and introduce the term nested to show how one loop sits inside another. Can the children predict what this algorithm might create? Encourage children to reflect on the importance of using loops within code. <br> Why is it better to use loops to carry out long or complex tasks? <br> After exploring the algorithm, use the $\qquad$ Scratch file to see the code in action. Click on the Green flag to run. <br> You can run the code and show children the pattern that is created. Children may like to explore creating their own patterns in Scratch based on other regular polygons. They can explore changing the pen colour to create shapes in a different colour each time. Encourage children to try out their ideas and debug their code to remove any errors. | $\square$ |

## Exploreit

Drawit: Children can work independently to practise using loops to create firework night pictures in Scratch. Provide them with this for support.
Animateit: Provide children with a copy of the $\qquad$ They can use the worksheet for support as they explore using loops to create and animate the letters of their name in Scratch.

## Assessment Notes:

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Showing or creating the flashing sprite effect could be problematic for children with conditions such as epilepsy. Discretion is advised.


## Computing

## Coding with Scratch: Learning Loops



## Repetition Loops (Drawing Regular Polygons)

## Question Marks

## This is Quizby.

He is a question mark who loves to ask questions.

When you see a question mark icon like this in the Lesson Presentation, it can be clicked on to reveal one of Quizby's questions.


The questions that appear next to these question marks will help you to think about the key learning throughout the lesson.

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## Remember It

Fatima, Lucy and Samuel are talking about algorithms.
They all have different ideas about what an algorithm is. Have a look at what each child says and then decide who you think might be right.

I think an algorithm is a type of computer language.

I think an algorithm is a type of music.

I think an algorithm is a set of instructions for solving a problem.

## Remember It

Fatima is correct. An algorithm is a set of instructions or rules for solving a problem or completing a task.

| A recipe is an example of an algorithm. It is a set of steps to produce something nice to eat. |
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Directions to travel from one place to another is an algorithm. The instructions need to be in the correct order.

Travel 100 metres along Twinkl Road. Turn right onto Twinkl Lane.

Go straight over the munu-roundabout Arrive at your destination.

A set of instructions for a craft activity is an algorithm. If you follow the algorithm correctly you will build a model.


Have you ever tried origami? The set of instructions to fold the paper in different ways is also an algorithm.


## Remember It

## Talk About It:



Did you notice that the instructions are repeated three times? Is there a better way to write this code?

## Remember It

A loop can be used to repeat a set of instructions over and over again. It is a quicker and easier way to write code.
Click on the algorithm below to see how it changes when a loop is used instead.


## What Is a Regular Polygon?

In this lesson, you will explore repeat loops further through drawing some regular polygons in Scratch.

## Talk About It:

Look at these examples of regular polygons. What do you notice about them? How are they the same and how are they different? Can you explain what you think a regular polygon is?


## What Is a Regular Polygon?

A polygon is a 2D closed shape with straight sides.
A regular polygon is a polygon in which all the sides are equal in length and all the angles are equal in size.

Is this a regular polygon?


## What Is a Regular Polygon?

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## Drawing a Square in Scratch

Now, let's try drawing some regular polygons in Scratch.
We will start with a square.


Let's start the algorithm using

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## Drawing a Square in Scratch

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## Drawing a Square in Scratch

Look carefully at the square. It has 4 sides and 4 angles.


Here is the algorithm to draw the square in Scratch. Can you spot the code for each side and each angle in the square?
How many times are the they repeated?


## Drawing a Square in Scratch

There are lots of blocks used in this algorithm.
This makes the code very long.
Click on the algorithm each time to see how the code can be improved by using a loop.

$x$ Why has the number in the repeat block been changed to a 4 ?


## Drawing a Square in Scratch

The square should look like this.


Look at this algorithm. It will be important in your work today. What do you think this algorithm will instruct the computer to do?


This algorithm can be used to erase all the pen marks and reset Sprite back to the centre of the Stage ready to draw again.

## Drawing a Square in Scratch

Don't forget to give your code a suitable file name and save it if you want to keep it. What would be a good name for the algorithm to draw a square?


If you do not have an account, you can choose to Save to your computer.
This will download a copy to your computer.


If you have an account, you can choose Save now and a copy will be saved to your Scratch account.

## Drawing Regular Polygons

Now you know how to use a repetitic to move onto some other regular polit
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## Perfect Patterns

Now you are such a whizz with loops, you can create some pretty amazing patterns using regular polygons.

Look carefully at this algorithm. Can you see that there are two loops in this algorithm? One loop is nested inside another one.


## Perfect Patterns

Did you work it out?
The nested loop is instructing the computer to draw an octagon by repeating the same steps eight times.


## Perfect Patterns

The second loop is instructing the computer to repeat the shape and make a turn. The white area has been changed to 36 so the computer will carry out these instructions 36 times.


- This white area allows us to customise the repeat block. We can edit the number to change how many times something is repeated.
$X$ Why is it better to use loops to carry out long or complex tasks?


## Perfect Patterns

When you are ready to see what the pattern looks like, click on the algorithm. What a perfect pattern!


Why don't you have a go at using loops with different shapes to create some patterns of your own? Canh you thininieg a way to change the pen colour to create a rainbow effect?
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Challenge: An octagon has 8 sides. Each angle in an octagon is $45^{\circ}$. Use what you have learnt from the algorithms above to help you to write a new algorithm to draw an octagon.

Top Tip: Drawing sides of 100 steps might make the octagon disappear off the page. Try using a smaller number of steps for each side.

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## What Am I?

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Can you identify these regular polygons? Write the correct name inside each shape. Use the word bank to help you. How many sides and how many angles does each regular polygon have?


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