

Iranian architecture is beautiful, symbolic, and meaningful.

1. Tilework
2. Iwans
3. Domes
4. Minarets

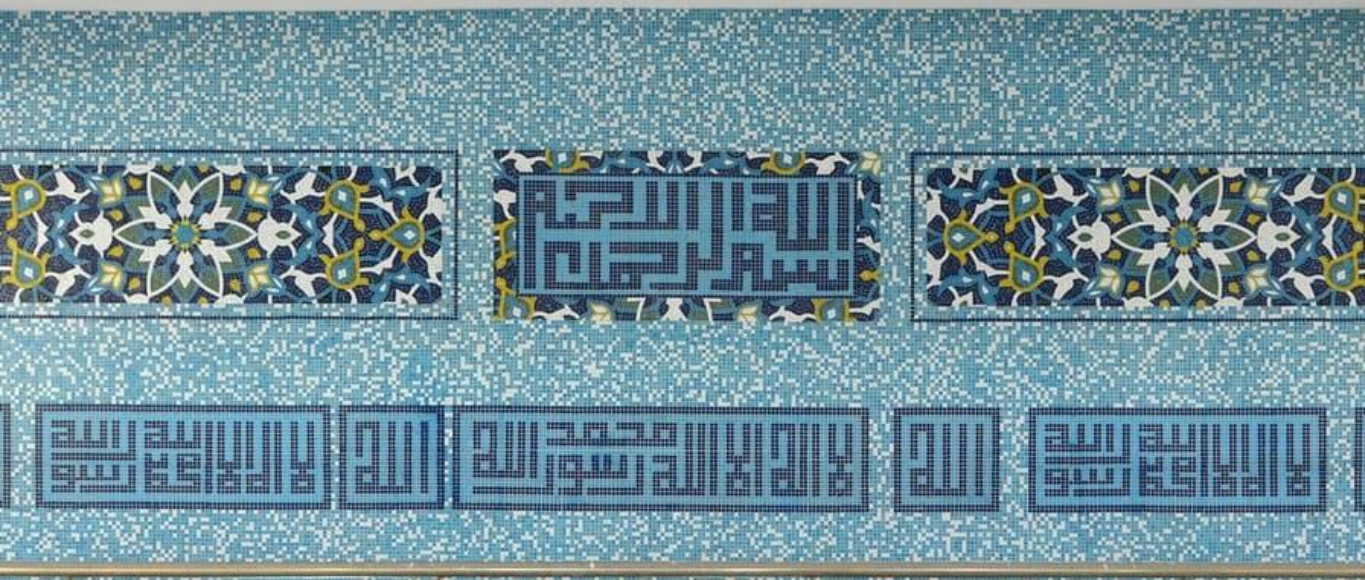
You can see these often in Iranian designs.



tilework:

Buildings are decorated with turquoise, blue and gold tiles designed like flowers, stars, calligraphy,







iwans:

A large arched entrance or porch.

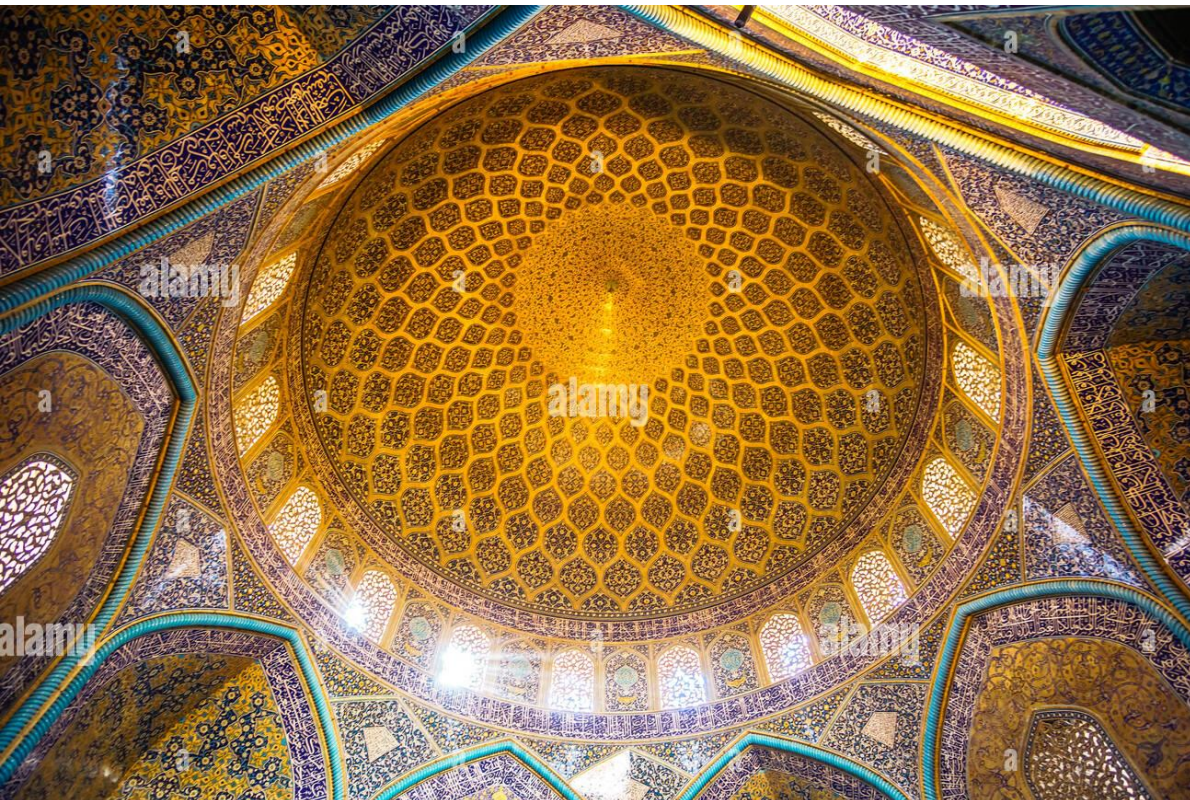


minarets:

Tall towers beside mosques.

Used to call prayers.





domes:

Placed over mosques or shrines.

Sometimes decorated inside with mirror mosaics.

Persepolis:

An ancient palace
with stone columns
and carvings in
Achaemenid era.



Shah mosque:



Blue-tiled domes
and arches in
Safavid era.

Golestan palace:

A royal building
with mirrors and
gardens in Qajar
era



Windcatchers in
Yazd:

These cooled air
using natural wind.



Homework:

Persian symbols, their designs, and symmetry.