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Chemistry, a dull subject? Not any more. The Royal Society of Chemistry has commissioned artists, designers and writers to create this stunning outline version of Mendeleev's Periodic Table of the elements.

This table is a patchwork of 109 vivid images, one for each of the elements. Each is based on an artist's interpretation of the elements properties and associations, often incorporating alchemical symbols.

The site also offers virtual tours of a series of 16 "Periodic Landscapes", 3-D animations of what appear to be imaginary worlds - but which are mapped from the ionisation properties of the elements.



Ion mountain: spectacularly rendered by Glasgow printmaker Murray Robertson, this 3D computer plot of ionisation energies is part of Visual Elements, an art-science collaboration backed by the Royal Society of Chemistry and Glasgow City Council. Contributors include John Emsley, science writer in residence at the University of Cambridge, and Ann Prescott, senior lecturer at the University of Abertay, Dundee. Each of the 109 known elements has its own web page at www.chemsoc.org/viselements/