

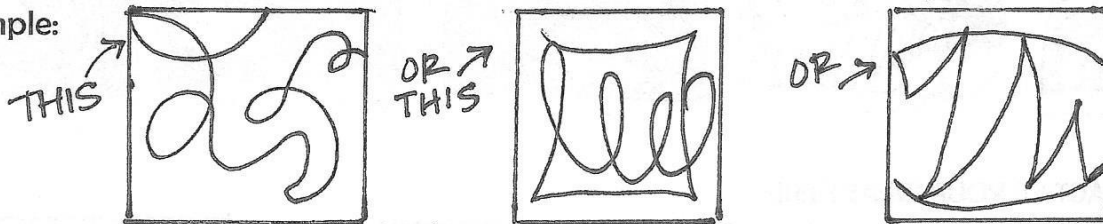
ZENTANGLE TILES PROJECT

What is “**zentangle**”? It is a form of doodling invented by a talented calligrapher named Maria Thomas in the early 2000s. “Tangling” is easy-to-learn, and a fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured repeated patterns. Zentangle designs in the form of a square [tile] are a common format for this type of art. “Zen” is a Japanese term for a method of meditation (clearing your mind and body of stress) . Most people find the art of zentangling, relaxing and fun as your work on the patterns should just “happen” unplanned and grow as you doodle them.

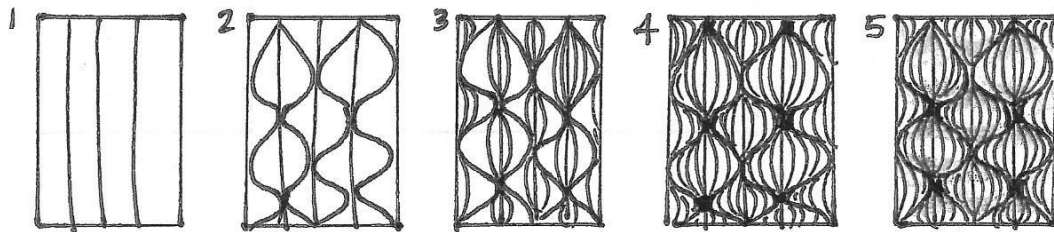
*For this assignment, you will create a zentangle style composition in the boundaries of a 5x5 square.

To begin: use a wandering line to divide your square tile into some smaller spaces to draw different tangle patterns. You can leave a random or a planned border if you'd like.

For example:

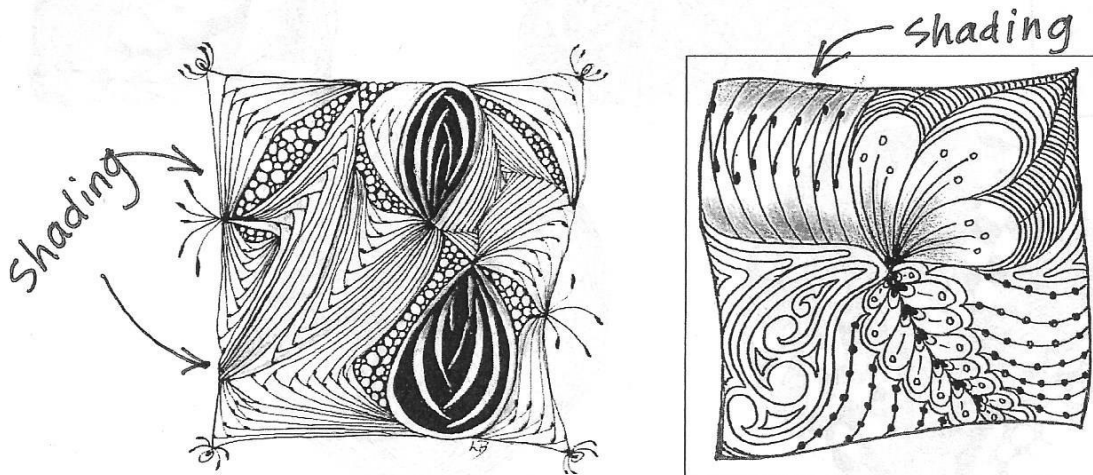


The method of tangling is to begin a series of simple lines or shapes that repeat. Start in a shape that is within your square with a series of simple lines or shapes. Use the examples on this sheet or search the web for zentangle patterns to inspire you. After a repeated pattern is established in the shape you can begin filling in, shading and adding more lines, dots or shapes to build up the pattern which makes it look more complex. For example:

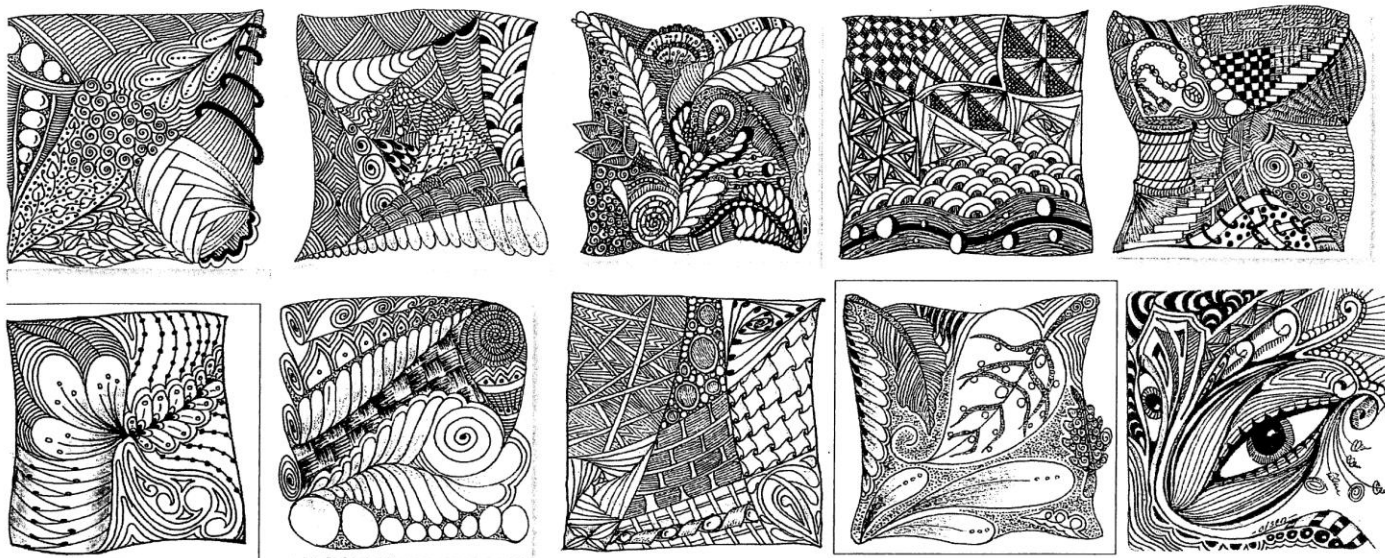


Allow your creativity to flow and move from one pattern to the next at random but with consistency until all the spaces in the square are filled.

Next, add shading with a drawing pencil and a blender to create shadows and depth and to emphasize some areas in your patterns. Here are some examples with pencil shading:



Examples of Zentangle tiles for inspiration...



PRACTICE YOUR IDEAS HERE:

