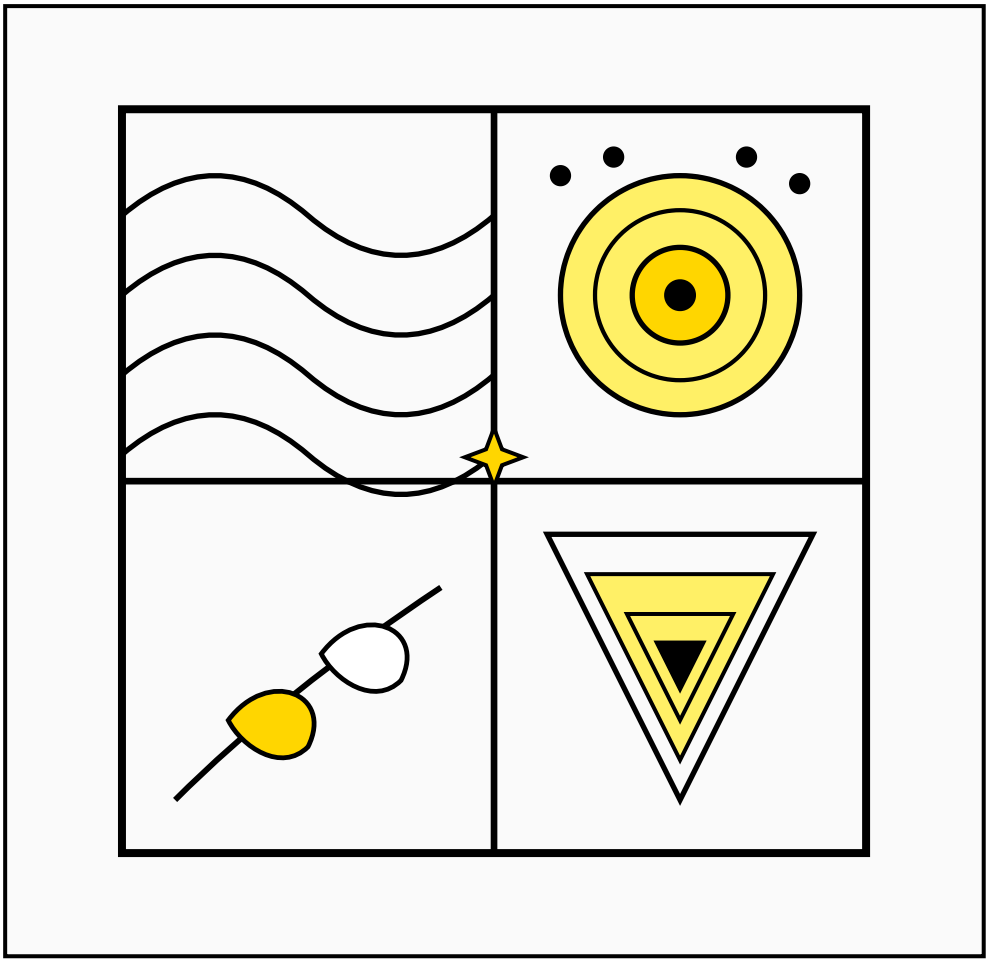
Talk Sense02

# ZENTANGLE & MINDFUL DOODLING

**COMPLETE 32-PAGE MASTER EDITION • 30 EXERCISES**

SIMPLE REPEATING PATTERNS | WAVES & RIPPLES | DOTS & STIPPLING | LEAVES & BOTANICALS



**START WITH ONE SHAPE • BUILD YOUR OWN PATTERN**

GROUND YOUR ATTENTION IN THE PRESENT MOMENT • 30 STEP-BY-STEP CANVASES

THE GROUNDING SCIENCE OF REPETITION

## "We spend years learning about the world. But rarely enough time learning about ourselves."

Zentangle and mindful doodling are not about making fine art or mastering technical perspective. They are meditative, repetitive line-drawing practices designed to steady the autonomic nervous system. By starting with a single elementary shape—a ripple, a seed, a pebble, or a stippled dot—and repeating it across the page, your cognitive focus narrows to the exact physical sensation of ink touching paper.

PRINCIPLE 01

### NO MISTAKES, ONLY ITERATION

Put your eraser away. In mindful tangling, unexpected lines become organic design choices. Welcome imperfections as character.

PRINCIPLE 02

### ONE STROKE AT A TIME

Do not worry about completing the whole page. Simply complete the line in front of you. Match your pen strokes to your breathing.

PRINCIPLE 03

### DELIBERATE CONSTRAINT

By limiting yourself to one motif per exercise, cognitive fatigue vanishes. Creativity flourishes within safe, simple boundaries.

PRINCIPLE 04

### SOMATIC DE-ESCALATION

The rhythmic tactile cadence releases muscle holding in your hands and shoulders, interrupting anxious over-thinking loops.

### HOW TO USE EACH INTERACTIVE CANVAS

1. OBSERVE THE SEED SHAPE → 2. FOLLOW THE 4-STEP BUILD → 3. EXPAND ACROSS THE CANVAS → 4. CHECK IN WITH YOUR MIND

TALK_SENSE_02 • EXERCISE 01

# 1. RHYTHMIC OCEAN WAVES & CRESCENTS

**Begin with a single curving crest. Echo each wave outward in smooth parallel sweeps, allowing the rhythm to pace your respiration.**

| STEP 1: SINGLE CREST | STEP 2: ECHO LAYER | STEP 3: STACKING | STEP 4: DENSITY |
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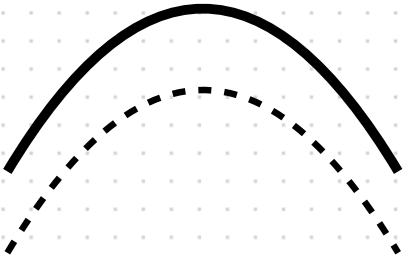

← Start here & echo

FOCUS MOTIF: CRESCENT WAVES  STROKE CADENCE: SLOW & CONTINUOUS  RECOMMENDED PEN: 0.5MM FINE LINER

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: DID YOUR BREATHING SLOW DOWN AS THE WAVES EXPANDED?

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# 2. CONCENTRIC DOTS & STIPPLED ORBS

Anchor your pen into simple round pearls. Cluster larger solid beads with tiny stippled fields, building intricate orbital constellations.

| STEP 1: ANCHOR DOT | STEP 2: HALO RING | STEP 3: PEARL ORBIT | STEP 4: CLUSTER FIELD |
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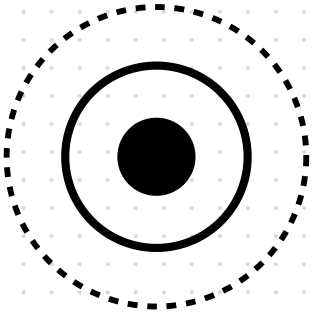
← Radiate outward with pearls



FOCUS MOTIF: STIPPLED PEARLS  HAND PRESSURE: LIGHT & DELIBERATE  VISUAL RHYTHM: RADIAL ORBITS

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: NOTICE THE FEELING OF SOLID GROUNDING EACH ROUND CENTER PROVIDES.

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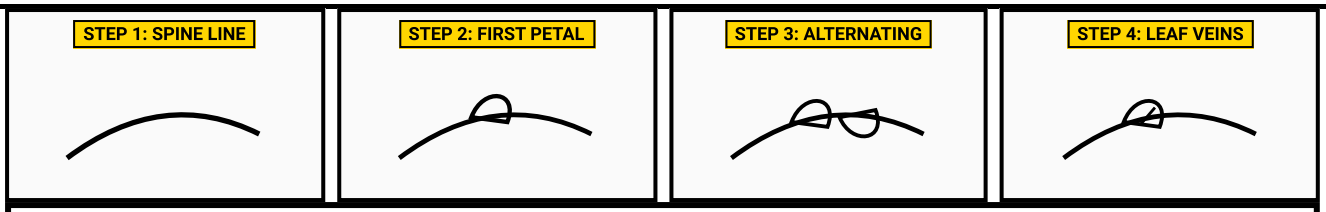
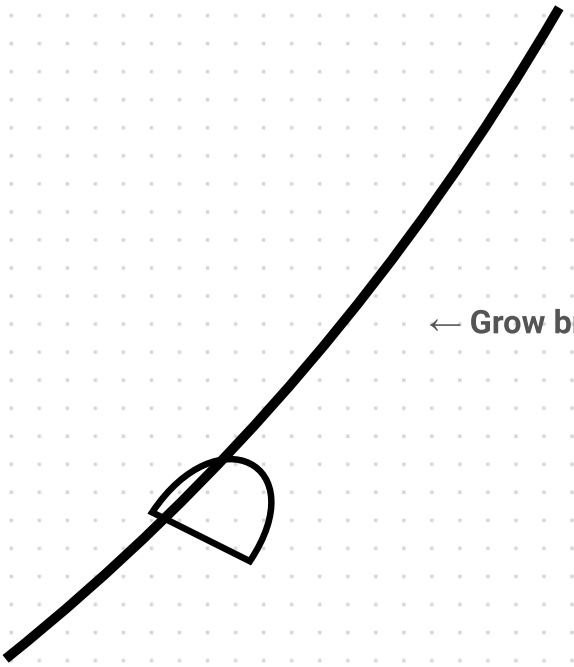
# 3. BOTANICAL LEAVES & SPROUTING FRONDS

Trace an arching central vine, then bud gentle almond leaves along its spine. Watch organic life emerge from simple opposing loops.



← Grow branches across canvas

FOCUS MOTIF: BOTANICAL TENDRILS GROWTH PACE: ORGANIC & FLOWING SOMATIC ANCHOR: RELAX SHOULDER BLADES

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: HOW DOES ALLOWING LINES TO CURVE NATURALLY SOFTEN MENTAL TENSION?

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# 4. GEOMETRIC BASKETWEAVE & RIBBONS

**Alternate sets of three parallel lines—first horizontal, then vertical. Build a rhythmic interlocking matrix that calms busy thinking.**

| STEP 1: 3 HORIZONTALS | STEP 2: 3 VERTICALS | STEP 3: QUADRANT GRID | STEP 4: FULL INTERLACE |
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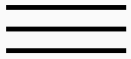
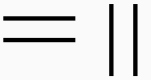
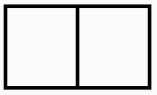
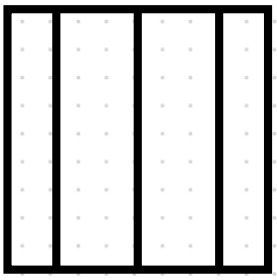
|  |  |  |  |



← Alternate & interlock

FOCUS MOTIF: WOVEN MATRIX  PATTERN RULE: 3 HORIZONTAL / 3 VERTICAL  STATE OF MIND: STEADY & ORDERED

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: DID THE PREDICTABILITY OF THE PATTERN HELP REDUCE MENTAL CHATTER?

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# 5. RIVER PEBBLES & SMOOTH STONES

**Nestle rounded, imperfect stones side-by-side. Fill the negative crevices with solid ink, grounding the entire composition in deep weight.**

| STEP 1: OVAL STONE | STEP 2: NEIGHBORS | STEP 3: CLUSTER | STEP 4: INK GAPS |
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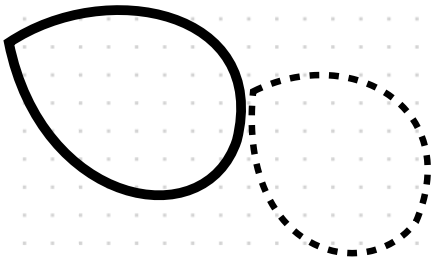

← Nest pebbles closely & ink gaps

FOCUS MOTIF: RIVER PEBBLES CONTRAST: WHITE STONES / INKED GAPS FEELING: SOLID & ANCHORED

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: WHAT WORRIES DID YOU LEAVE TRAPPED INSIDE THE DARK INKED CREVICES?

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# 6. FRACTAL SPIRALS & GENTLE WHIRLPOOLS

**Begin from a single quiet core. Slowly spiral outward, expanding the gap with each complete revolution like a calming galaxy.**

| STEP 1: CENTER CURL | STEP 2: SECOND LOOP | STEP 3: SPIRAL RIBS | STEP 4: INTERLOCK |
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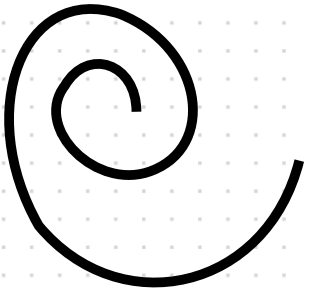
← Keep uncoiling smoothly



FOCUS MOTIF: LABYRINTH SPIRALS  MOTION: CONCENTRIC UNFOLDING  INTENTION: SURRENDER TO THE CURVE

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: AS THE SPIRAL EXPANDS, DO YOU FEEL MORE OPEN TO WHATEVER COMES NEXT?

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# 7. FEATHERED CRESCENTS & FISH SCALES

Overlap interlocking scalloped arches. Shade each underbelly with fine hatched lines to create gentle, soothing depth.

STEP 1: BASE ARCH



STEP 2: SECOND TIER



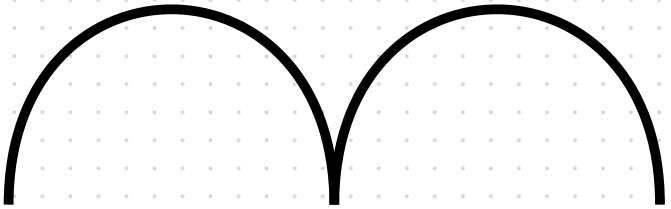
STEP 3: STIPPLED CORE



STEP 4: UNDER-HATCH



← Stack rows upwards



FOCUS MOTIF: SCALES & CRESTS

SHADING: HATCHING LINES

BREATHING CUE: EXHALE ON DOWN-STROKE

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: NOTICE HOW OVERLAPPING LAYERS CREATE A REASSURING SENSE OF PROTECTION.

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# 8. CRYSTALLINE CHEVRONS & PRISM PEAKS

Crisp diagonal lines meet at clean apex points. Solidify one slope with bold ink to explore the balance of light and dark.

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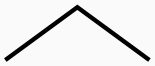
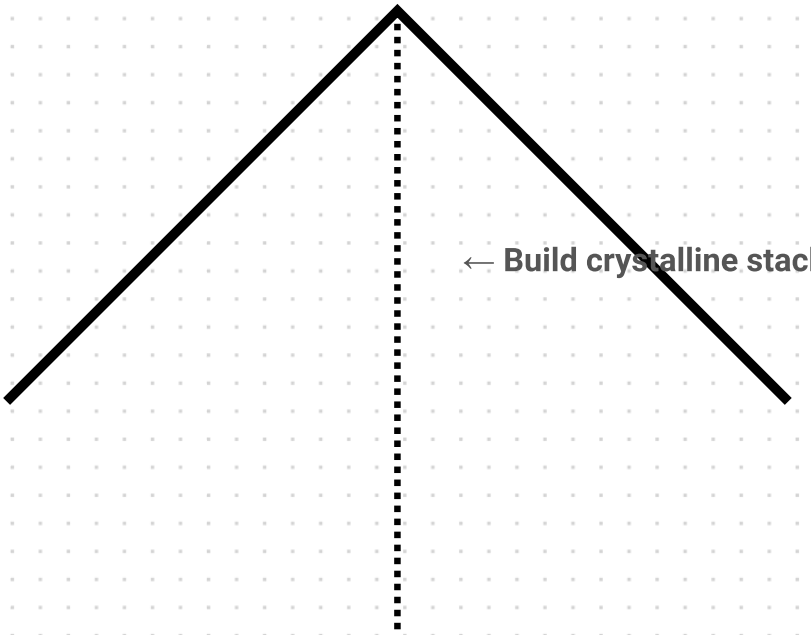
|  |  |  |  |




FOCUS MOTIF: PRISM CHEVRONS GEOMETRY: CLEAN ANGLED LINES SOMATIC FOCUS: FIRM, CONFIDENT STROKES

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: WHAT CLARITY EMERGES WHEN YOU FOCUS SOLELY ON PRECISE LINES?

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# 9. THE FREEFORM TANGLE: SEED TO FIELD

Combine everything you have practiced. Start with the single seed in the center, choose any pattern, and let it colonize the page.

| CHOOSE SEED | PICK MOTIF A | PICK MOTIF B | BLEND TOGETHER |
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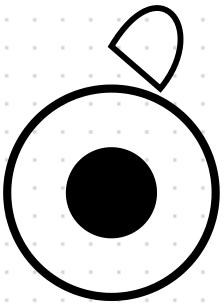

← Build freely in all directions

MODE: FREE EXPRESSION GUIDELINE: NO ERASING / NO JUDGMENT SESSION TIME: 10–15 MINDFUL MINUTES

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: LOOK AT THE WHOLE PAGE. HOW DOES IT FEEL TO SEE COMPLEX BEAUTY GROW FROM ONE TINY SEED?

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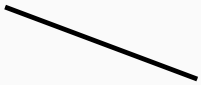
# 10. THE NINE-ROOM TANGLE MOSAIC

**Nine compartmentalized chambers. Fill each room with a different repeating texture to build a tranquil sampler quilt of calm.**

CHAMBER 1



CHAMBER 2



CHAMBER 3



CHAMBER 4



| ROOM 01 | ROOM 02 | ROOM 03 |
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CHALLENGE: 9 UNIQUE TEXTURES  BENEFIT: VARIETY & CONTAINMENT  MINDSET: PLAYFUL CURIOSITY

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: WHICH CHAMBER FELT MOST SOOTHING TO FILL, AND WHY?

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# 11. CRESCENT MOONS & SOLAR FLARES

Interlock curved waxing crescents with tiny radiant starbursts. Balance the coolness of curves with the sharp warmth of rays.

| STEP 1: MOON ARC | STEP 2: HALO RING | STEP 3: 4 RAYS | STEP 4: SOLID CORE |
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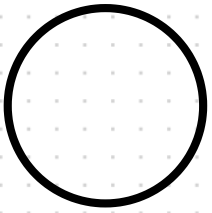

← Radiate solar crescents

FOCUS MOTIF: CELESTIAL CRESCENTS CONTRAST: ARCS & NEEDLES RHYTHM: NIGHT & DAY

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: WHERE IN YOUR DAILY LIFE CAN YOU INVITE MORE RHYTHMIC BALANCE?

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# 12. DIAMOND ARGYLE & CROSS-HATCH

**Lay down crisp diagonal lines tilted 45 degrees, then cross them to form clean diamond tiles. Fill alternate tiles with rich, solid ink.**

| STEP 1: SLANTED / | STEP 2: CROSS \\ | STEP 3: RHOMBUS | STEP 4: CHECKERED |
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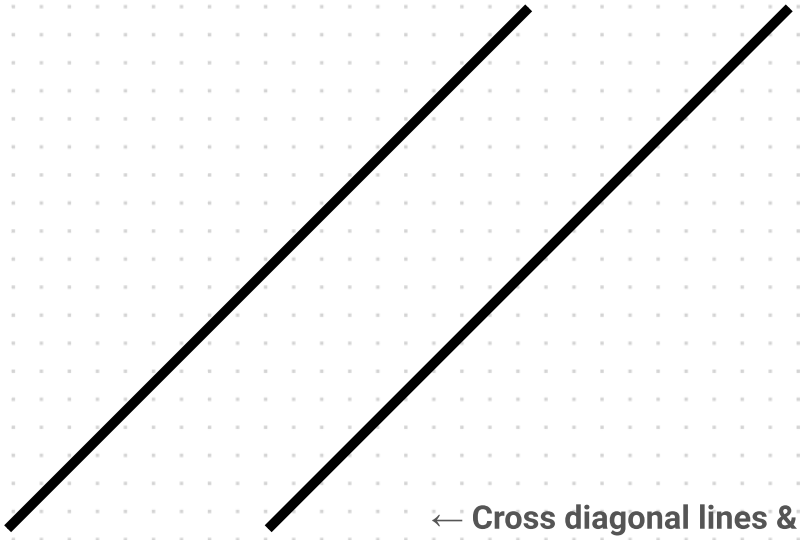


FOCUS MOTIF: ARGYLE DIAMONDS PATTERN RULE: CHECKERBOARD INKING STATE: ORDERLY & GROUNDED

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: HOW DOES STRUCTURED SYMMETRY BRING A SENSE OF MENTAL SAFETY?

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# 13. BRAIDED RIBBONS & CELTIC PLAIT

Intertwine three soft curving ribbons. Emphasize which strand passes under by shading the overlaps with deep, dark borders.

STEP 1: SINE WAVE



STEP 2: SECOND STRAND

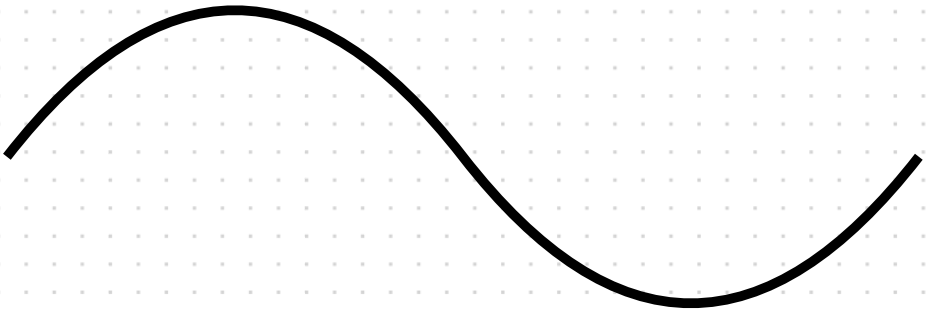


STEP 3: THICKNESS



STEP 4: UNDER-SHADE





← Weave the intersecting ribbon

FOCUS MOTIF: BRAIDED RIBBONS

TECHNIQUE: UNDER/OVER OVERLAP

PACING: FLUID FLOW

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: NOTICE HOW SEPARATE STRANDS HARMONIZE INTO A SINGLE, COHESIVE BRAID.

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# 14. TEARDROP RAIN & CASCADING BEADS

**Suspend elongated droplets falling gently from the top of the canvas. Vary their size and weight to simulate a soothing, calming summer shower.**

| STEP 1: POINTED TOP | STEP 2: DROP HALO | STEP 3: STIPPLED BASE | STEP 4: CASCADE |
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← Cascade droplets downward

FOCUS MOTIF: RAINDROPS DIRECTION: DOWNWARD CASCADE RELEASE: LETTING GO

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: WHAT HEAVY THOUGHTS CAN YOU LET WASH AWAY WITH EACH FALLING DROP?

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# 15. SCALLOPED SEASHELLS & RADIATING RIBS

Anchor a fan-like hinge at the bottom. Radiate ribbed lines outwards like a scallop shell opening towards warm sunlight.

STEP 1: HINGE ARC



STEP 2: OUTER CROWN



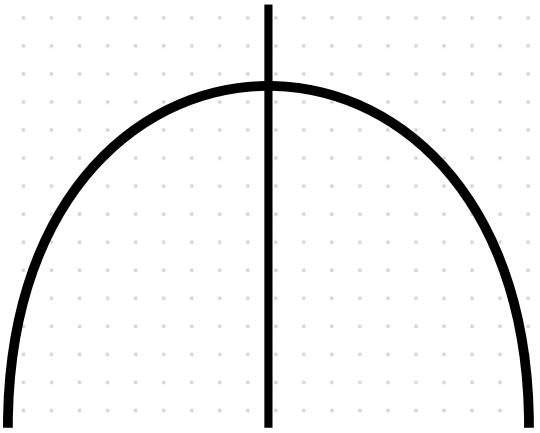
STEP 3: CENTER SPOKE



STEP 4: FAN RAYS



← Fan out ribbed ridges



FOCUS MOTIF: SCALLOP SHELL

STRUCTURE: RADIANT FAN

RESONANCE: OCEANIC CALM

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: FEEL THE STEADY EXPANSION RADIATING FROM YOUR CENTRAL POINT OF CALM.

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# 16. THE HONEYCOMB HEXAGONAL MATRIX

**Link interlocking six-sided hexagons. Shade alternating chambers with fine cross-hatching to build an organized, supportive hive.**

| STEP 1: TOP CAP | STEP 2: FULL HEXAGON | STEP 3: SHARE EDGES | STEP 4: CONCENTRIC INSET |
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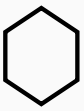
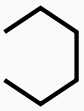
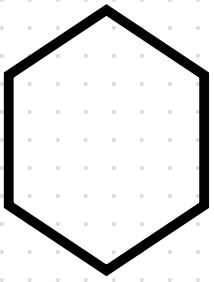
|  |  |  |  |



← Tile neighboring hexagons

FOCUS MOTIF: HONEYCOMB GEOMETRY: HEXAGONAL TESSELLATION MINDSET: SAFE COMMUNITY

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: NOTICE HOW SHARED BOUNDARIES CREATE MUTUAL STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE.

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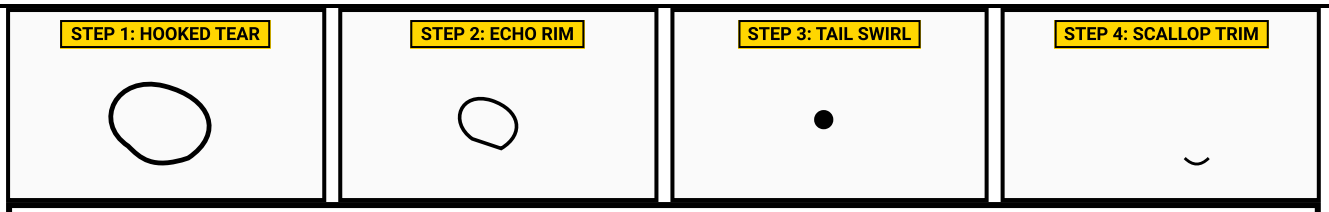
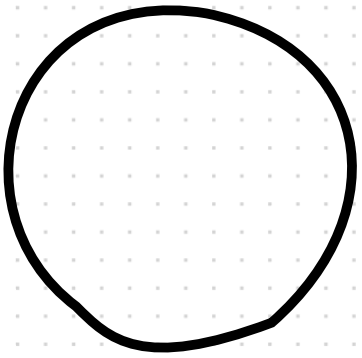
# 17. PAISLEY DROPS & BOTEH FEATHERS

Curve a tear shape into an elegant hooked tail. Fill the interior belly with nested ripples, stippled pearls, and delicate leaf fronds.



← Nest paisley feathers

FOCUS MOTIF: PAISLEY BOTEH FLOW: CURVILINEAR SOFTNESS ATMOSPHERE: SERENE & GRACEFUL

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: ALLOW THE TAIL CURL TO LEAD YOUR EYE INTO GENTLE, UNFORCED MEDITATION.

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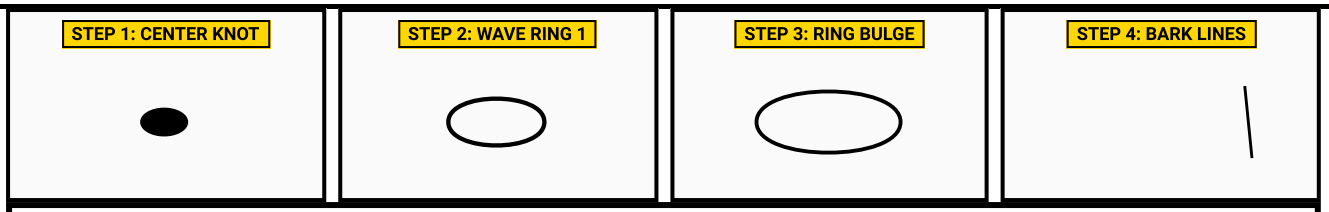
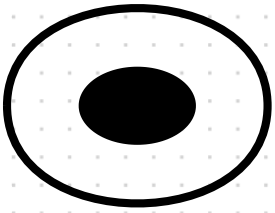
# 18. WOODGRAIN RINGS & TREE BURLS

**Draw undulating organic rings that wrap around an imaginary knot. Emulate the slow, patient annual rings of a quiet ancient forest.**



← Ripple growth rings outward

FOCUS MOTIF: ANNUAL WOOD RINGS QUALITY: PATIENT & WEATHERED ANCHOR: ROOTED IN TIME

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: REMIND YOURSELF: TRUE GROWTH DOES NOT HAPPEN IN A HURRY.

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# 19. INTERLOCKING KEY LABYRINTHS

**Construct right-angled Greek key meanders. Move in clean perpendicular turns—up, right, down, left—maintaining equal spacing throughout.**

| STEP 1: FIRST CORNER | STEP 2: INWARD TURN | STEP 3: CORE STEP | STEP 4: CONTINUOUS |
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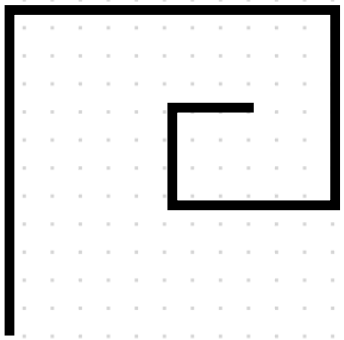

← Follow right-angle meanders

FOCUS MOTIF: GREEK KEY MEANDER RULE: STRICT 90-DEGREE TURNS BENEFIT: SINGULAR PRECISION

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: NOTICE HOW FOLLOWING A STRICT DIRECTIONAL RULE QUIETS WANDERING THOUGHTS.

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# 20. THE LOTUS MANDALA ROSETTE

**Build out radiating rings of lotus petals from a central pearl. Let each outer tier nest cleanly between the tips of the previous ring.**

| STEP 1: CENTER ORB | STEP 2: 4 PETALS | STEP 3: STAGGERED TIER | STEP 4: SPINE VEIN |
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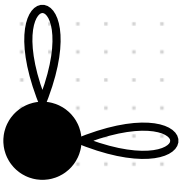

← Bloom petals outward symmetrically

FOCUS MOTIF: LOTUS ROSETTE  SYMMETRY: RADIAL BLOSSOMING  STATE: EQUANIMITY & GRACE

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: OBSERVE THE BLOSSOMING SHAPE. WHAT WITHIN YOU IS PREPARING TO OPEN?

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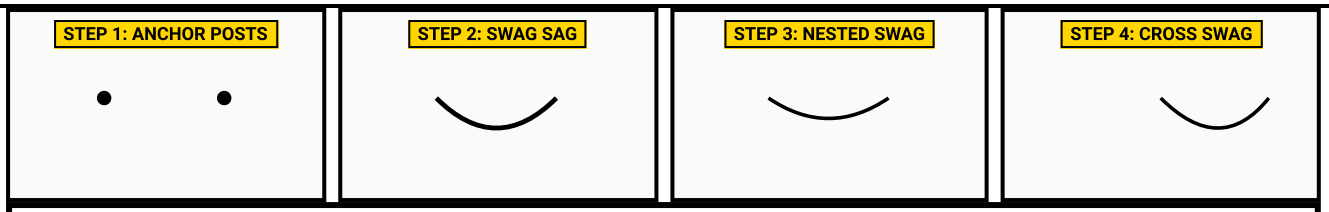
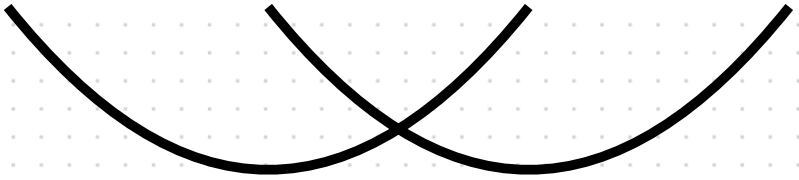
# 21. CASCADING FISHNET & HAMMOCK SWAGS

**Drape curving catenary lines between equidistant anchor points. Cross with counter-swags to form a suspended hammock lattice.**



← Drape overlapping catenary swags

FOCUS MOTIF: DRAPED SWAGS PHYSICS: GRAVITY & SUSPENSION FEELING: SUPPORTED & HELD

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: FEEL GRAVITY HOLDING YOU SECURELY WITHOUT NEEDING YOUR EFFORT.

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# 22. SPIKEY STARBURSTS & RADIANCE BEAMS

**Erupt from tiny pinpoint nodes with sharp, alternating long and short needles. Create an energized tapestry of miniature fireworks.**

| STEP 1: SPARK POINT | STEP 2: 4 COMPASS RAYS | STEP 3: DIAGONALS | STEP 4: NEEDLE TIPS |
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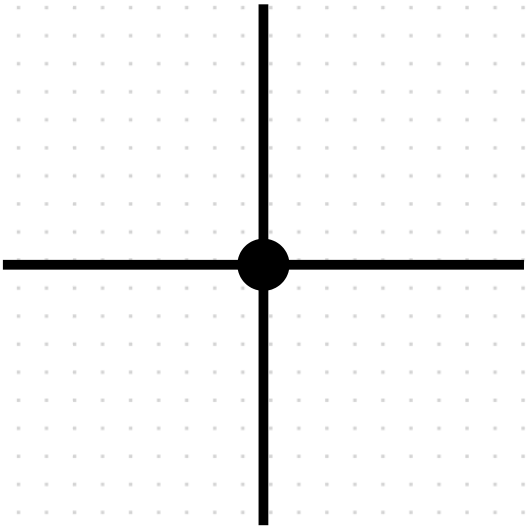

← Burst rays into field

FOCUS MOTIF: STARBURST NODES ENERGY: EXPANSIVE & VIBRANT CONTRAST: SHARP POINTS

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: WHERE CAN YOU BRING FRESH, ENTHUSIASTIC VITALITY INTO YOUR ROUTINE?

TALK_SENSE_02 • EXERCISE 23

# 23. THE ZEN TANGLED ROPE COIL

**Wrap thick diagonal cords in alternating stripes. Ink every second stripe in pure black, transforming simple lines into heavy tactile rope.**

| STEP 1: BORDER TUBE | STEP 2: SLANTED SLASH | STEP 3: MID-BAR | STEP 4: STRIPED INKING |
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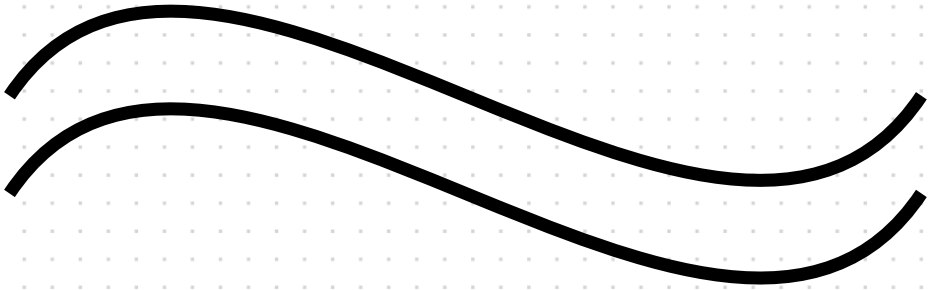

← Segment into twisted cord stripes

FOCUS MOTIF: STRIPED CORD SHADING: ALTERNATE SOLID INK STRENGTH: UNBREAKABLE FIBER

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: REFLECT ON YOUR INTERIOR RESILIENCE: YOU ARE WOVEN FROM STURDY FIBERS.

TALK_SENSE_02 • EXERCISE 24

# 24. GOTHIC ARCHES & CATHEDRAL VAULTS

**Construct sweeping lancet arches that meet at pointed Gothic peaks. Lace the inner spandrels with delicate open filigree.**

| STEP 1: POINTED ARCH | STEP 2: NESTED ARCH | STEP 3: TREFOIL PEAK | STEP 4: PILLAR FLUTES |
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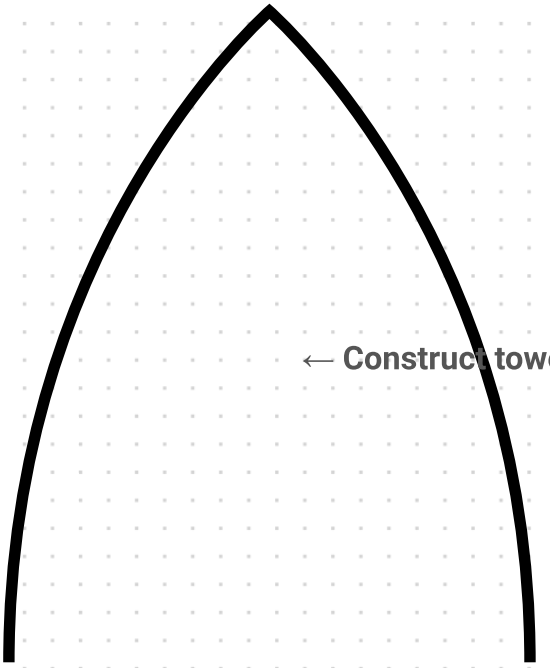


← Construct towering cathedrals

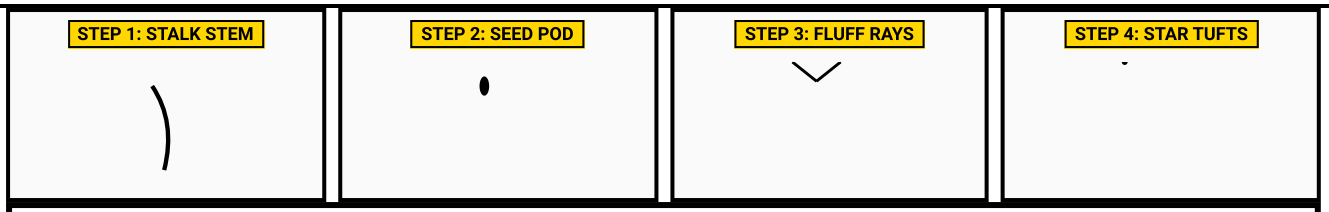
FOCUS MOTIF: CATHEDRAL ARCHES VERTICALITY: UPWARD ASPIRATION ATMOSPHERE: QUIET SANCTUARY

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: ENTER THE QUIET VAULTED SANCTUARY OF YOUR OWN SILENT CONTEMPLATION.

TALK_SENSE_02 • EXERCISE 25

# 25. FLOATING DANDELION SEED PLUMES

Emanate airy radiating stems topped with soft star tufts. Let them drift across the canvas like wishes carried on an autumn breeze.






← Float fluffy plumes across space

FOCUS MOTIF: DANDELION SEEDS

WEIGHT: FEATHERLIGHT TOUCH

GESTURE: DRIFTING SURRENDER

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: WHAT EXPECTATIONS CAN YOU RELEASE TO DRIFT AWAY PEACEFULLY?

TALK_SENSE_02 • EXERCISE 26

# 26. CONCENTRIC TARGET SHIELDS & BULLSEYES

Ring solid bulls-eyes with sharp circular fences. Cluster varying shield diameters across the page, letting circles touch without merging.

| STEP 1: SOLID CORE | STEP 2: AIR GAP RING | STEP 3: THICK SHIELD | STEP 4: TOOTH RIM |
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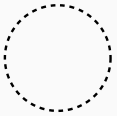
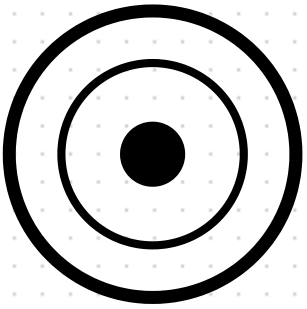
|  |  |  |  |



← Cluster shields of all sizes

FOCUS MOTIF: CONCENTRIC SHIELDS PROTECTION: STRONG CLEAR EDGES FOCUS: DIRECT HIT CENTER

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: REAFFIRM YOUR RIGHT TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL MENTAL SPACE.

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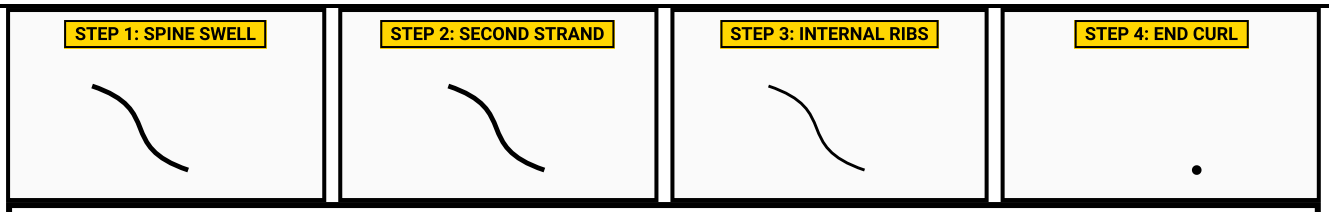
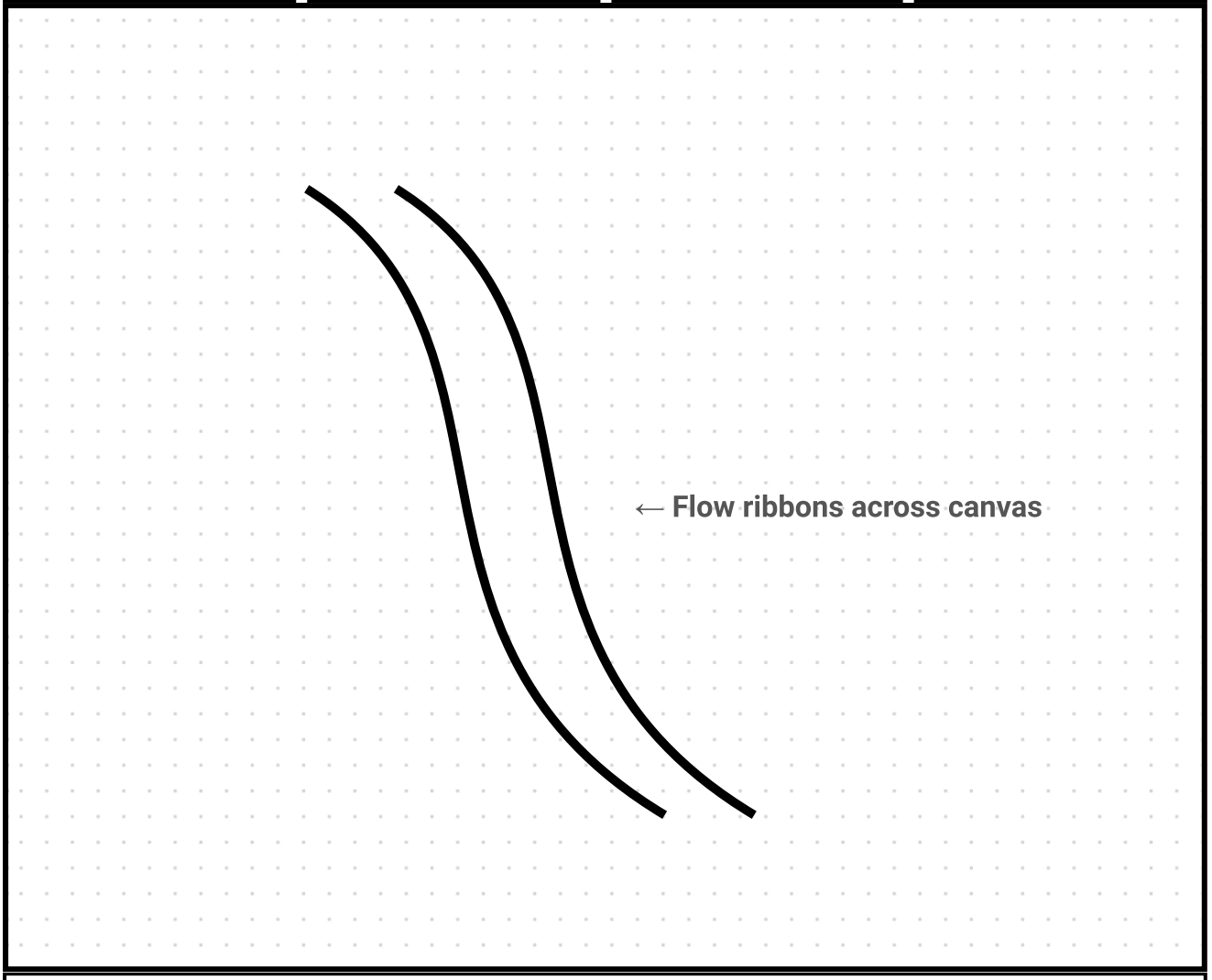
# 27. FLOWING RIBBON TRESSES & WAVES

Guide undulating river ribbons curving down like flowing hair. Segment ribbons into parallel stripes to express fluid motion.




FOCUS MOTIF: FLOWING TRESSES MOTION: CASCADING CURRENTS RELAXATION: SMOOTH GLIDING

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: LET YOUR HAND GLIDE WITHOUT HOLDING TIGHT TO THE STEERING.

TALK_SENSE_02 • EXERCISE 28

# 28. CRYSTALLINE QUARTZ & GEODE CLUSTERS

**Facet sharp geometric crystal prisms rising vertically. Shade faceted angular sides to bring forth sparkling mineral clusters.**

| STEP 1: CRYSTAL TIP | STEP 2: COLUMN WALLS | STEP 3: CENTER RIDGE | STEP 4: FACET SHADE |
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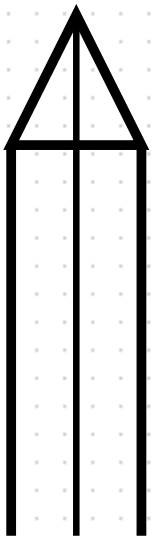

← Cluster crystalline pillars

FOCUS MOTIF: QUARTZ PRISMS HARDNESS: MINERAL STRENGTH STRUCTURE: SHARP FACETS

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: FEEL THE SOLID UNYIELDING CLARITY OF YOUR CORE TRUTH.

TALK_SENSE_02 • EXERCISE 29

# 29. THE CONCENTRIC RIPPLE POOL

**Drop a single raindrop into a silent lake. Follow the ripples outward as they travel towards infinity, letting peace settle through the water.**

| STEP 1: WATERDROP | STEP 2: RIPPLE RING 1 | STEP 3: RIPPLE RING 2 | STEP 4: WAVE BREAK |
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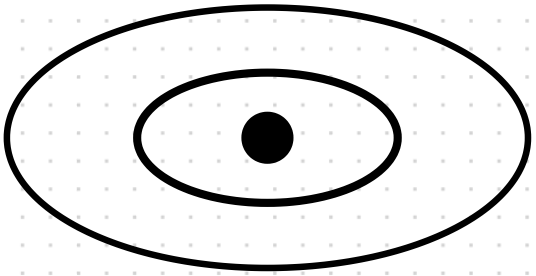

← Ripple outward infinitely

FOCUS MOTIF: WATER RIPPLES SURFACE: UNDISTURBED LAKE STATE: PURE STILLNESS

MINDFUL CHECK-IN: WATCH EVERY DISTURBANCE SLOWLY DISSIPATE INTO SMOOTH, GLASSY WATER.

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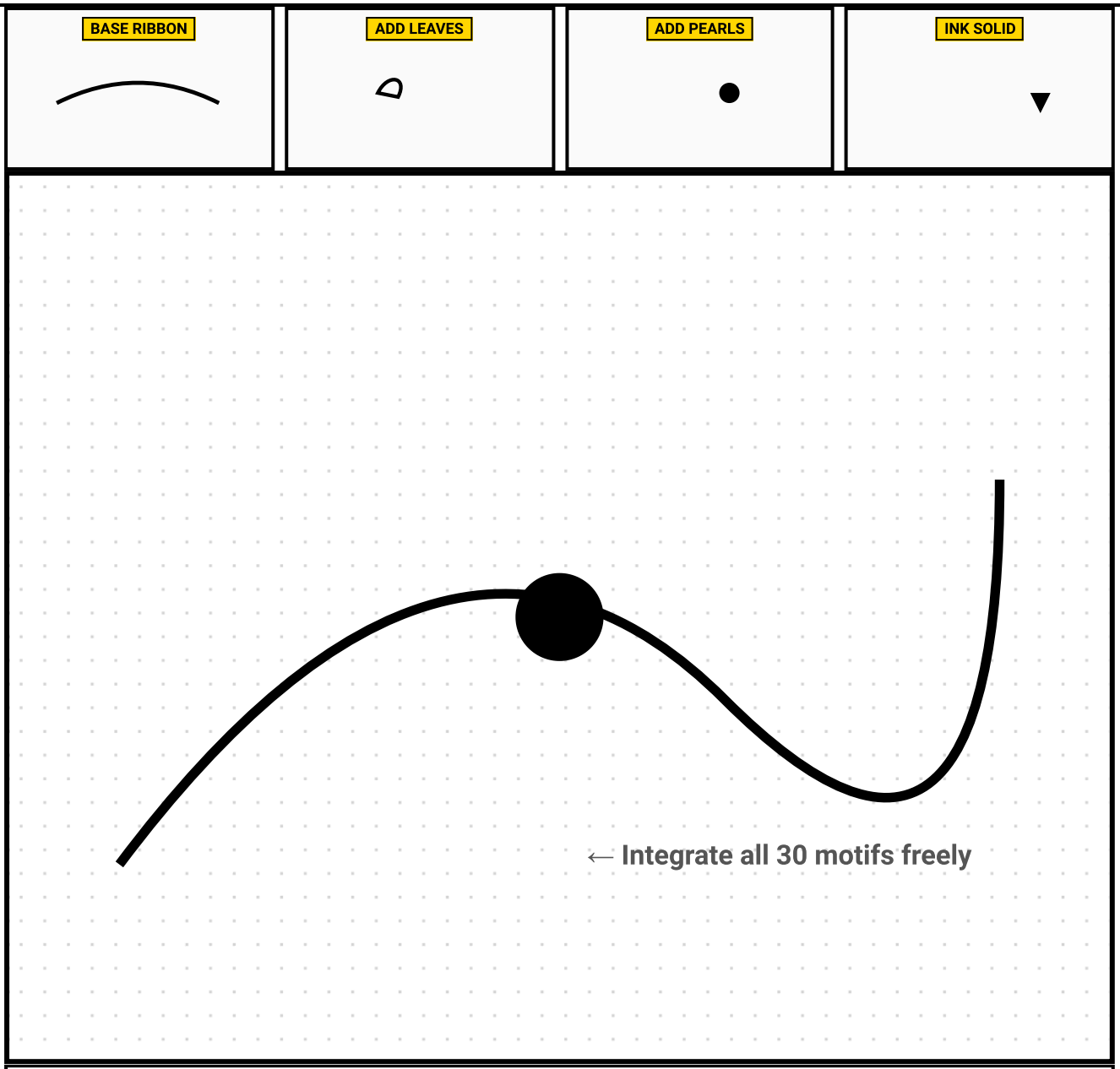
# 30. THE GRAND MASTER TANGLE TAPESTRY

Your final canvas. Unify waves, dots, leaves, basketweaves, and crystals into one master mosaic. Honor every line that brought you here.

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MINDFUL CHECK-IN: STEP BACK AND ADMIRE YOUR PRACTICE. NOTICE HOW GROUNDED AND FOCUSED YOUR MIND FEELS.