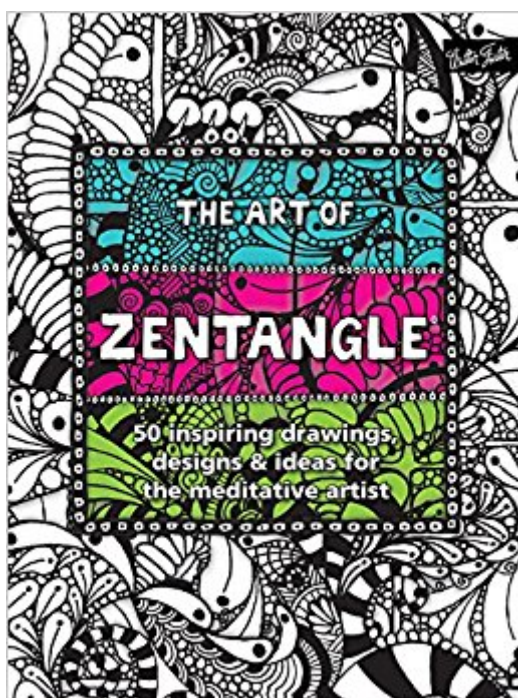


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# The Art Of Zentangle: 50 Inspiring Drawings, Designs & Ideas For The Meditative Artist



## Synopsis

Zentangle® is a meditative process of creating art, wherein simple shapes and lines combine to make a complicated and interesting final piece of artwork. The focus of Zentangle is on the process of creation, rather than the end result. The beauty of Zentangle is that there is no right way or wrong way. If you can draw a line and a circle (perfectly or not), you can Zentangle. Zentangle is an art concept that is engaging, approachable, and fun enough for someone who has never picked up any art tools or created a piece of art, yet is still meditative, productive, and creative enough for an advanced artist to enjoy. While many popular Zentangle books share tips, inspiration, and final artwork, there are few that break down Zentangle into a step-by-step process. Structured to be part instruction, part inspiration, and part doodling, The Art of Zentangle will first demonstrate how to create Zentangle art by showing intricate patterns broken out into several steps. After artists have warmed up and are ready to give it a try on their own, they'll be invited to practice creating their own Zentangle designs on the beautifully designed blank pages of this inspirational sketch journal. A short gallery of final artwork and several inspirational prompts are included in this comprehensive introduction to the new, inspirational world of Zentangle.

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Enter the magical, meditative, and mesmerizing world of Zentangle

Welcome to The Art of Zentangle®! Whether you're an expert tangler or are discovering this innovative art form for the first time, inspiration abounds in this guided journey through the world of

Zentangle thanks to the creative expressions of four talented Certified Zentangle® Teachers. In addition to learning the basics, including understanding key terms, drawing basic tangles, and creating unique patterns, you'll discover what "strings" are and how to see them everywhere you go. Step-by-step projects demonstrate how to create Zentangle mandalas, Zentangle Inspired Art, and tangled wall décor. Best of all, you'll learn how to relax and enjoy the process. With creative prompts and ideas designed to inspire, you'll soon discover just how fun and rewarding Zentangle can be. Open practice areas throughout the book invite you to try the techniques described, as well as put your creative ideas and tangling skills to use.

This Zentangle book has it all! It is simply Awesome! If you are new or old to Zentangle, you are going to LOVE this book. It starts with tools of the trade and explains what Zentangle is and swiftly moves on to the 50 inspiring projects and designs to make (which you can branch off to use with your own ideas and that makes the ideas limitless!). This is a nice meaty book. For those of you used to the small, more limited books or ten page instruction books, this book will make you smile - widely! There are four CZTs who authored this book so there are different flavors of Zentangle to enjoy. This book also goes beyond the tiles. They have their purpose naturally, but this book recommends different papers and pens and things to use as well as so many new ideas to expand your Zentangle Art. This is the Zentangle Book as far as I am concerned. There are a few that I really adore and enjoy, but none of them compare to this one. This book is my new favorite! Not only is the format large, it's also a workbook with plenty of space to try the new tangles and all of the ideas presented in the book. From birds and fish to detailed fairies, to frames, mandalas and glitter Zentangle, this wonderful book gives you lots of fresh ideas that could become frameable art around the house! The Art Of Zentangle shows you step by step many cool tangles-from easy to difficult. The projects are presented in stages with many of the final versions shown with bright colors! I can't say enough good about this book! I love, love, love it and I would give it 10 stars if possible. If you are curious about Zentangle, get this book! If you are not new to Zentangle, get this book! If you've put away your Zentangle stuff and want a fresh, new look, you know what I'm going to say...Get this book!!

I am an artist and simply became intrigued looking through this book when I was shopping for books on mixed media and encaustic. There were a few zentangle books on (I'd never heard of zentangle prior to this shopping search experience) but this one seemed to have some of the coolest designs that appeared more organic than like Indian prints. (I am not sure how else to describe my choice

via the comparisons of the suggestions gave me when shopping other than that.) Many years ago I owned a pottery painting studio and I have thought so many times since about the woman who worked for days on a large platter and did it all in black and white with these simply tiny designs...the thing was FANTASTIC when she was done. I tried to copy it once out of memory and couldn't. As soon as I saw books on "Zentangle" I realized it must be an art form I was unaware of. This is basically very cool doodles you could do with a sharpie marker. The book is filled with practice pages and filled with loads of ideas. What's ideal about that is it could keep a teen busy for hours learning to create these designs and be able to use them over and over. What's great for ME is that it lends itself to creating a very cool art piece of your own in any time you have to simply sketch out more and more designs. I plan to buy a large sheet of watercolor paper or use it on a large canvas that I can later frame and just leave it out on my dining room table to play with as I have time. Even better, you could create an awesome art piece that your entire family makes together. If you look through the book you see this is simply about learning to make the basic shapes then fill in the spaces between them after you create the shapes so that you have endless doodles everywhere. What I love about the book is that it's not just abstract shapes. It also shows you how to add in organic elements like a hummingbird or fish in your work, and fill them in with the Zentangles. I get the "Zen" part of the name as well. Art takes your mind away from anything troubling it, and the repetitive strokes and creation are very Zen and very peaceful elements for the mind. This would be an amazing book to have should you ever know anyone sick or in the hospital as there is little to do sitting in bed and reading and the TV grows tiresome. Bring them this and a box of thin tip markers and you'd likely be loved for it. This could create hours of fun and result in actually learning a new hobby that could parlay into some cool art pieces for one's home. Better yet, they take your mind away from pain when you do activities like this...The book intrigued me as I flipped through what pages I could see on . The book thrilled me far more once I got it. Very simple instructions and step by step guides for the beginner but cool enough designs to remain intrigued as you become an expert.

I liked the format of having workbook pages interspersed to practice things that were discussed, but the physical format was challenging. I had to keep forcing the binding open to let my hand get on the page properly -- I'm left handed. Rotating it to get a better angle was awkward -- the weight of the side I wasn't drawing on would drag it out of my hands. It would have helped if it was spiral bound & I could wrap the other half behind itself.

I loved this book of Zentangle designs!! I have used its ideas & designs almost everyday! I make cards & design art projects using zentangles. It is so relaxing and hard to put down! This book is excellent for teaching zentangle and makes it nice to develop some of your own designs because it has special places on most pages to draw your own ideas. I was looking through it yesterday and noticed a design I really liked and realized it was my design! Anyone looking for excellent artistic drawing ideas will love it! Thanks to this book was a great price!

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