

Zentangle Challenges

One of my favourite styles of art is called 'zentangle' (Google it and you'll see why!) All you need is a pencil, a black pen and your imagination!

Below are **12 challenges**. You **don't** have to do all of them, and you don't have to do them in order (some are more challenging than others!). If you want to show me your work, post your results on the 'merlinshomelearning' J2E blog.

Have a go at least **one challenge** for today's Art lesson, and continue to take on further challenges throughout the Easter holidays if you wish.

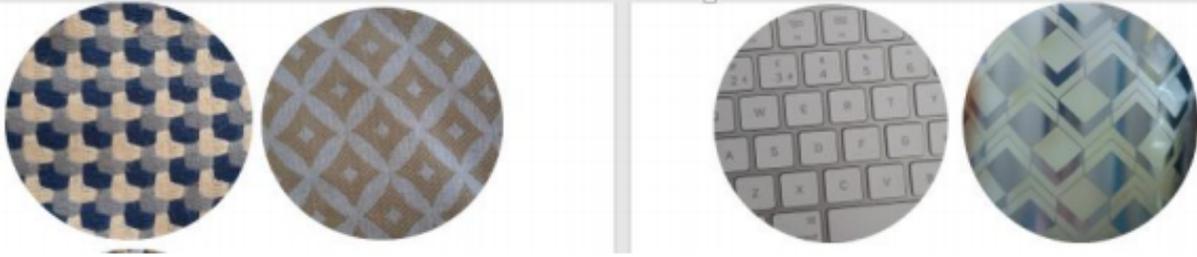
CHALLENGE 1 – Free Tangle

This is probably the first time you've come across this style of art, so your first challenge is to simply practise some patterns. Create a grid of 8 squares on a piece of plain A4 paper. In each square, create any patterns you like. Use your imagination or Google 'zentangle patterns' to get some inspiration. Draw your patterns in pencil first and then go over the lines with a black pen. You can use a pencil to add shading, just like I have here with my 'free tangle':

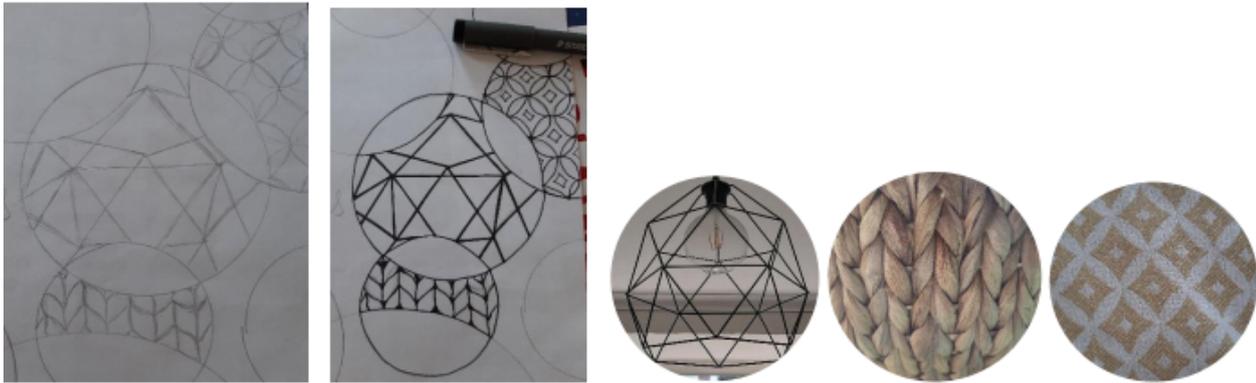


CHALLENGE 2 – Home Tangle

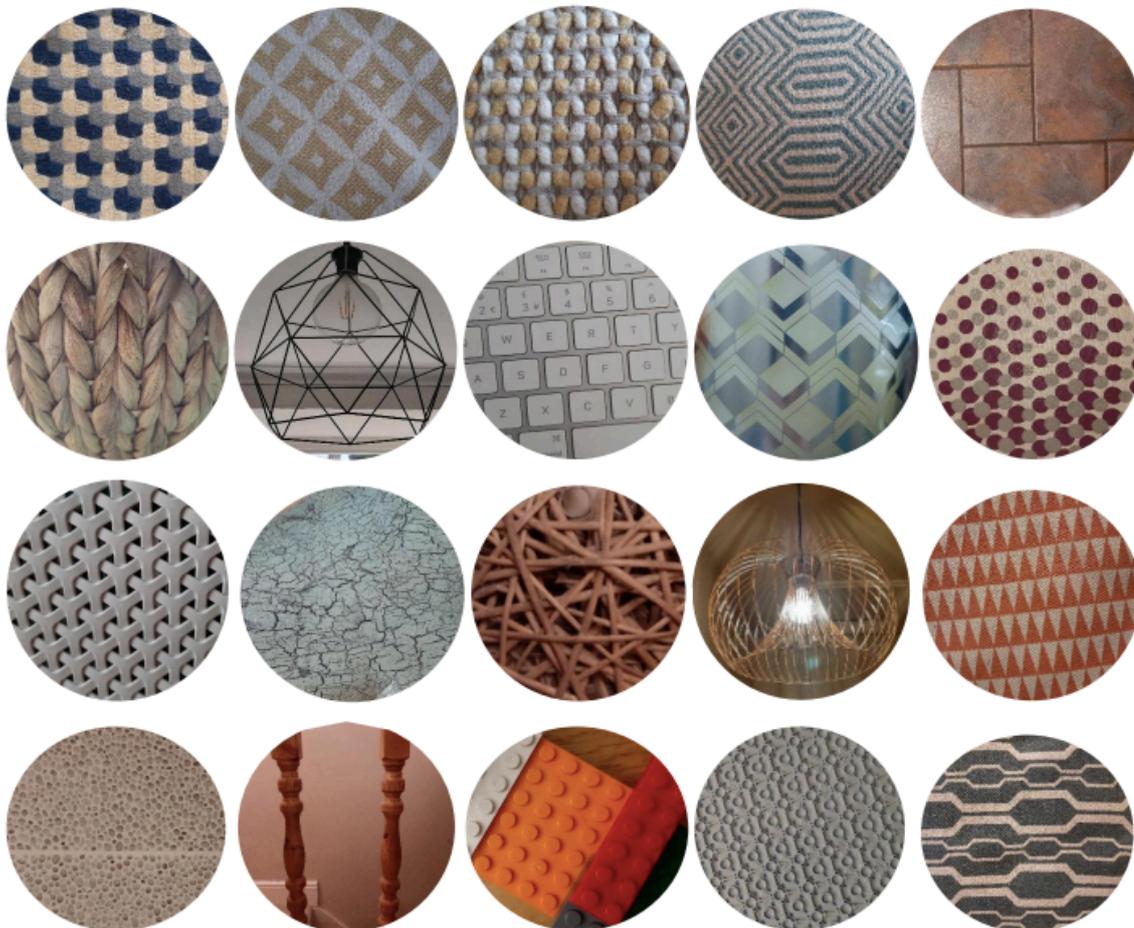
This challenge involves looking at the patterns and shapes you see every day. Many of these patterns can be turned into zentangle patterns. Here are some of the patterns I see every day in my house:



Look around your house and garden. What patterns do you notice? You can take photographs of these patterns if you want. Once you have found patterns, turn them into zentangle patterns by using the same technique as in challenge one. You can choose your own template this time. You might want a grid, circles, triangles etc. Watch me do it:



If you are having trouble finding patterns, feel free to use some of my pictures below:

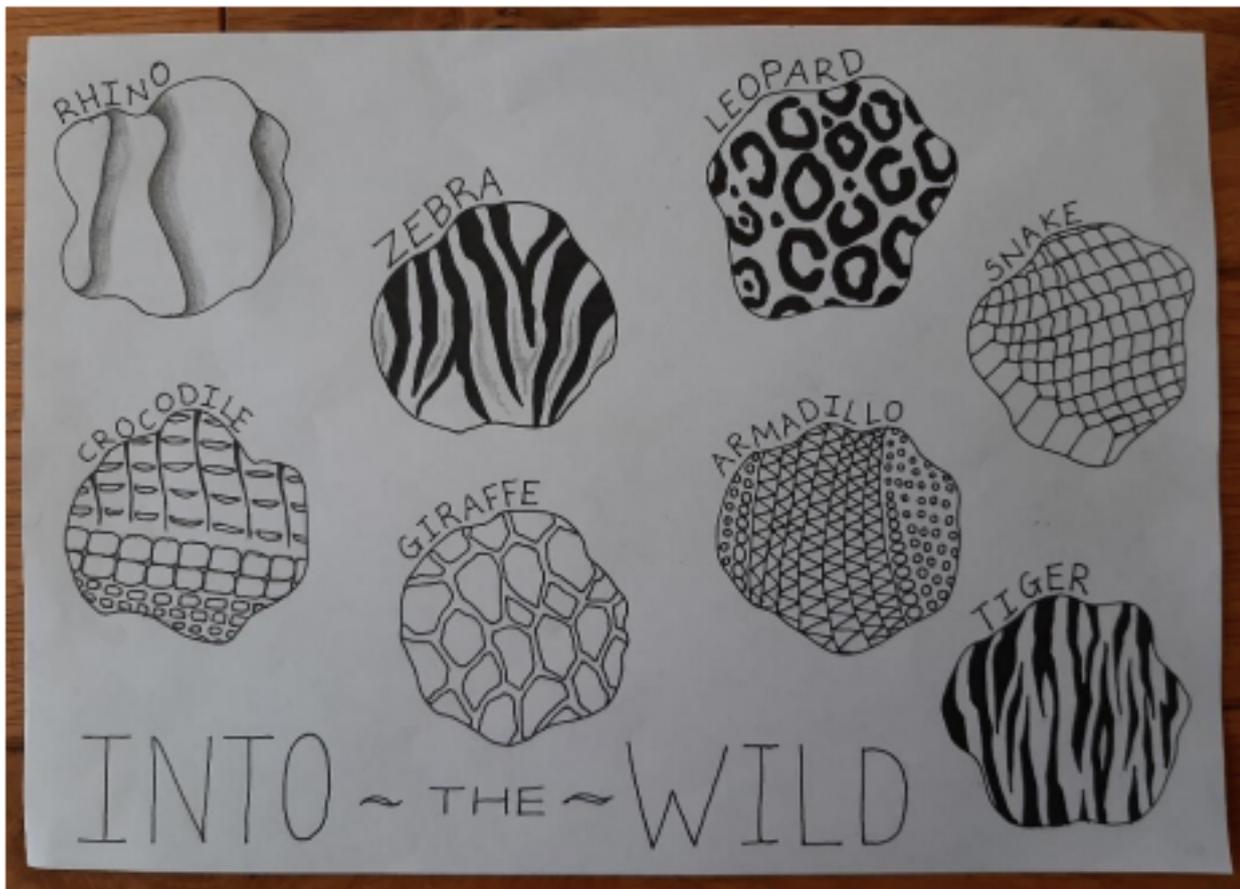


CHALLENGE 3 – Family Tangle

This is a challenge that the whole family can get involved in. First, create a template (grid, circles, odd shapes, stripes etc) and put it up somewhere in your house. Every day, one person in your family will complete one piece of the zentangle. Once all the parts are filled, you will have a lovely family zentangle picture.

CHALLENGE 4 – Wild Tangle

For this challenge, you need the Internet. Look at images of wild animals and see if you can turn any of their body parts into zentangle patterns. You could choose their markings, beak patterns, eyes, wings etc. Choose 6-8 animals that interest you. Draw 6-8 splats on your page and create a zentangle pattern in each one, based on the patterns you found. Here is mine as an example:



You can colour this too, if you wish. Here are some wild animal prints to get you started:



CHALLENGE 5 – Creature Tangle

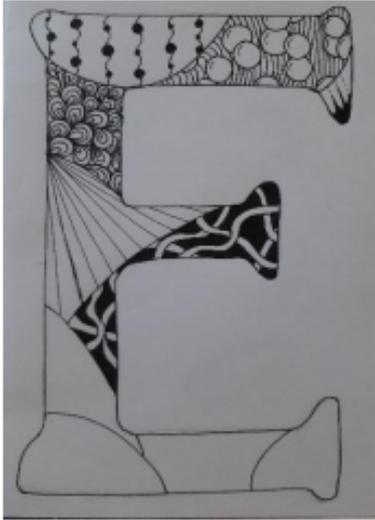
Look at the creatures you see in your garden. (You can also look up 'garden creatures' on Google to help you). What patterns do you notice? Draw 6-8 circles on your page. In each circle, draw a zentangle pattern based on the creatures you found. You can choose any of their body parts (markings, eyes, wings etc). Here is mine as an example



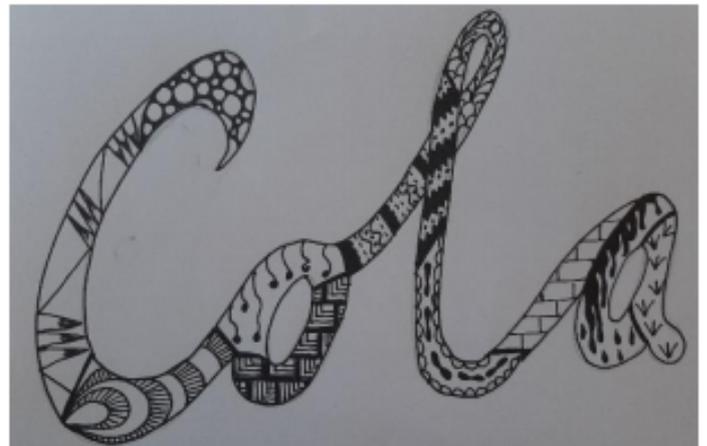
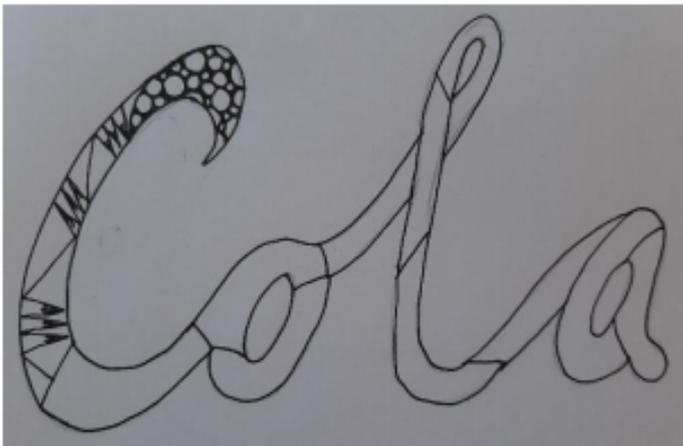
You could colour too, if you wish. Here are some creatures to get you started:

CHALLENGE 7 – Letter Tangle

Draw a letter of the alphabet on your page. Your letter can be in any style/font you like, but the larger the space within the letter, the better. Create sections within your letter and draw zentangle patterns in each section. Here is a quick example:



CHALLENGE 8 – Word Tangle Like the previous challenge, but with a whole word. Write a word in any style you like, creating enough space within the word for your zentangles. Create sections within the word and draw zentangle patterns in each one. Here is a quick example:



You could also leave the word white and zentangle around it. Like these examples from the Internet:



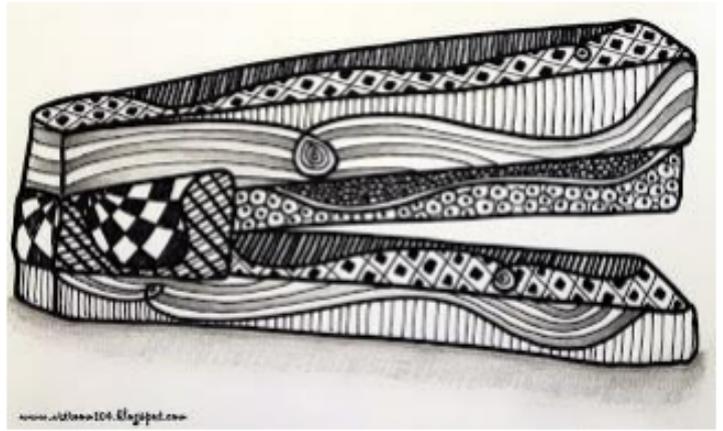
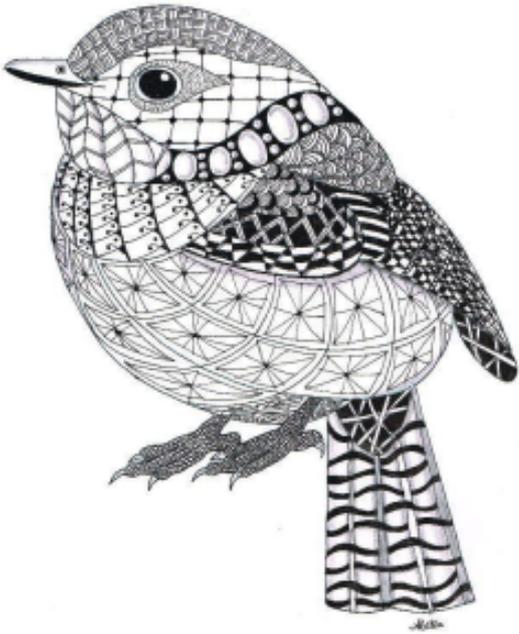
CHALLENGE 9 – White Space Tangle

This challenge involves leaving a white shape in the centre of the page, and creating zentangle patterns around it. For example, you could draw the outline of an animal, a leaf, a flower, or any other recognisable object. Don't draw any details within your shape. Around your shape, create sections and draw a zentangle pattern in each one. Here are some examples taken from the Internet:



CHALLENGE 10 – Fill It Up Tangle

This challenge is the opposite of Challenge 10. This time, the shape you draw will contain zentangle patterns. The space around the shape you draw needs to remain white for this to be effective. Here are some examples from the Internet:



CHALLENGE 11 – Colour Tangle

This challenge involves using more than one colour. Create any zentangle you like – a word, a grid, circles etc – and use another colour or colours to decorate. Here are some examples from the Internet



CHALLENGE 12 – Setting Tangle

Draw a setting. It could be your back garden or another setting from your imagination. (Use Google Images to help you if you need it) Once you've drawn your setting, create zentangles in each section of your picture. Here are some examples from the Internet:

