Zen-tangle
Drawing structured patterns
As you make a deliberate pen stroke on your Zen tangle without concerning yourself of what it will look like when you are done, that very act of putting your pen to paper focuses your attention in a special way.
Zen tangles use line to create shapes, values and patterns.
Let's look at some basic patterns of a Zen tangle.
Something else to consider...

Line V A r I E T y

LINE
The patterns use line variety- What does this mean? Where do we see it in these patterns.
Remember...

Lines have character and personality and can communicate emotion.

* Horizontal lines are calm, quiet, restful
* Vertical lines are bold, strong, stable
* Thin lines can be delicate, timid, weak
* Diagonal lines show action, falling, leaning, or growing
* Pointed or jagged lines can express uncertainty or anger
* Meandering lines are whimsical and happy
* Flowing lines are graceful and mystical
Horizontal and vertical lines in combination communicate stability and solidity.

Deep, acute curves, on the other hand, suggest confusion, turbulence, even frenzy. Soft, shallow curves suggest comfort, safety, familiarity, relaxation.

Zigzag lines are a combination of diagonal lines that connect at points. They take on the dynamic and high energy characteristics of diagonal lines. They create excitement and intense movement. They convey confusion and nervousness as they change direction quickly and frequently. They can imply danger and destruction as they break down.
We must also think about Balance...
And movement...
You can transform an everyday object or animal into a Zen Tangle by adding patterns inside the shape.
When creating a Zen tangle you can take advantage of the negative space.

What is the negative space?
For your Zen tangle you will need to include an everyday object, letter or animal as the outside shape or the negative space in your Zen tangle.

Also be creative with your patterns. Include variety and line personality. Are they going to be lines or shapes? Are they going to create value?

Think about space, movement and rhythm, and balance.

Start by doing some research using the links on the following slides. Then complete the pattern worksheet in your sketchbook. Before you start your good Zen tangle try out a few sketches in your sketchbook.
A few links to videos on how to draw various patterns...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_t_34mchtw
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56n7_1FGgiw
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrDnKLPECFs
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kn6Pw1WKk4w
Other Resources

https://www.zentangle.com

http://tanglepatterns.com/tag/zentangle

http://m.wikihow.com/Make-a-Zentangle

https://www.zentangle.com/zentangle-method

https://www.behance.net/gallery/19242935/Ornate-Collection-2012-2013

https://www.behance.net/gallery/Ornate-Koala/9725397

http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/1200x/c3/3a/59/c33a5910d27ebfc3e5e6c5a3e12303c6.jpg

http://indulgy.com/post/a4mZuOfac1/zentangle