GEOMETRIC PATTERN MANDALA

WHALEARTS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Paper
A drawing pencil
Felt-tipped pen
Coloured pencils, paints or pastels
Scissors
Tape
Ruler

ADAPTATIONS

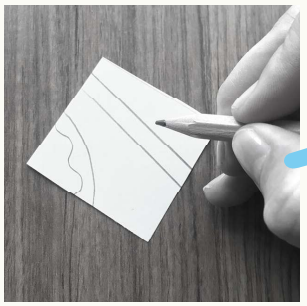
You could also use different patterned paper to make the same effect! Instead of drawing your pattern, choose a few different kinds of coloured, patterned paper, cut out squares of equal size (5cm x 5cm) and arrange them in a funky pattern!

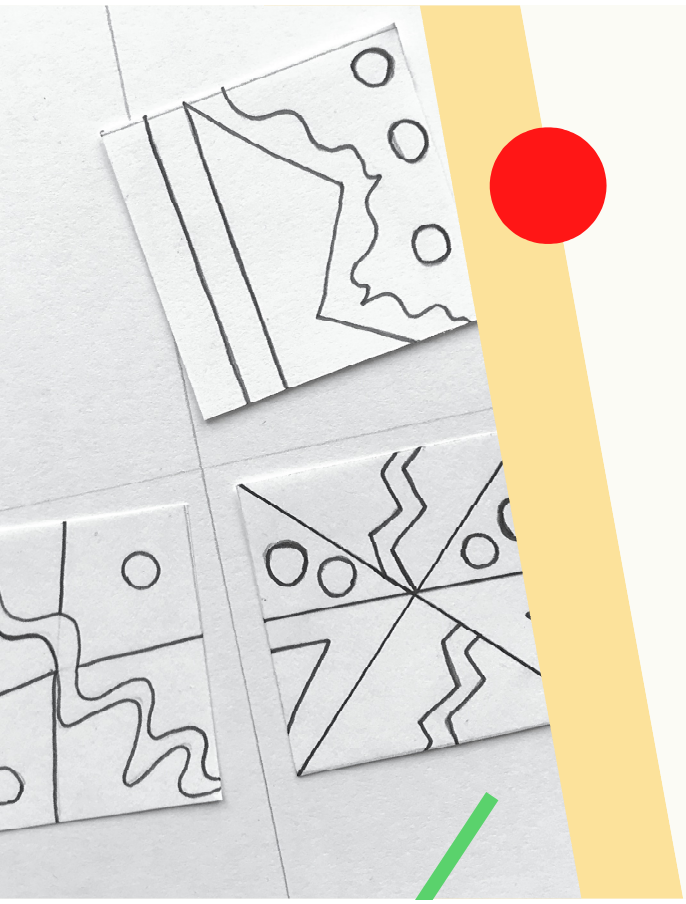
Also play around with size, I've used quite small squares (5cm x 5cm) but you could make a much larger geometric pattern mandala by making your squares larger! This might also be better if you have difficulty working with small scale!

STEP ONE

DESIGNING YOUR PATTERNS

- Cut out at least six 5cm x 5cm squares of paper.
- Take one square and start designing a pattern. Use a combination of straight and curvy lines as well as circles and squares.
- Repeat this step for all 6 of your squares creating different patterns on each small square.





STEP TWO

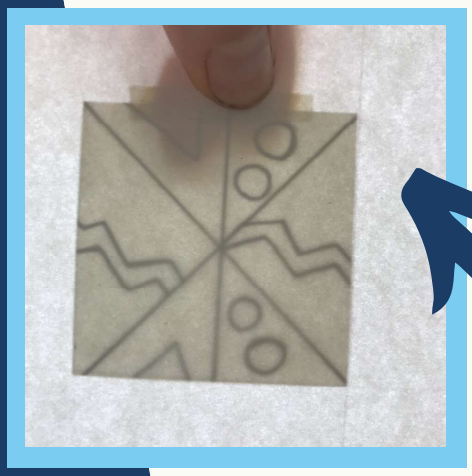
Laying out your pattern

Choose a few of your small pattern squares and start playing around with a potential design.

Section out your paper

Draw a line down the centre of your paper, top to bottom and side to side, so you've measured out the centre of your page.

STEP THREE



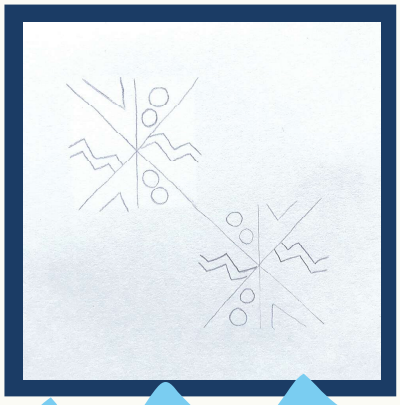
Begin to trace!

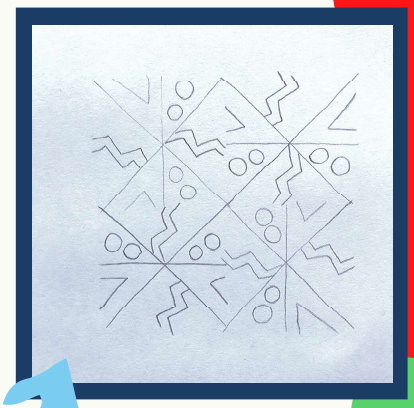
Once you've chosen your designs it's time to start putting it all together. Repetition will make the best pattern so I've chose to repeat the same small square in the centre 4 times.

Tip!

Stick your pattern to the back of your paper with a little bit of tape and press it against the window to trace. This will help you to see your design through the paper!

Keep tracing your pattern until you've created the centre of your mandala...





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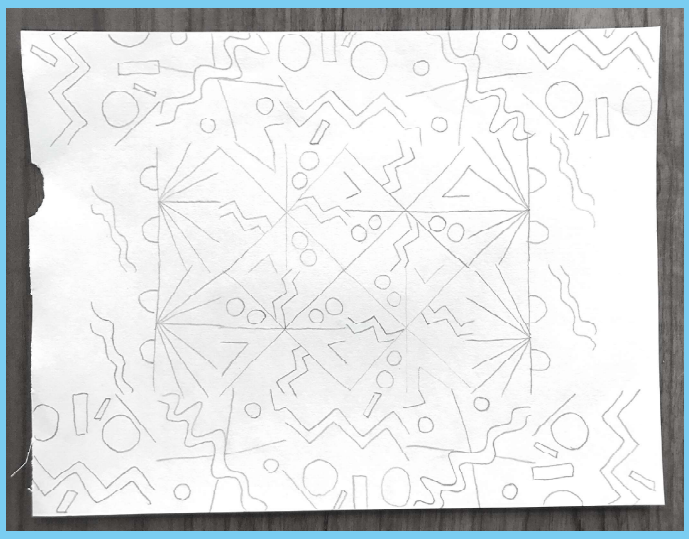
Choose another patterned square and keep tracing until you fill your entire page...



STEP FIVE

PLANNING THE COLOURS

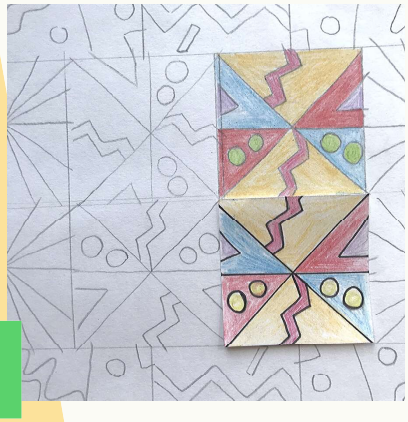
Colour in your patterned squares as guides. This way you will keep the repetition going and the final image will look more like a geometric pattern than a bunch of random shapes!

YOUR COLOUR GUIDE

STEP SIX

THE SOOTHING PROCESS OF COLOURING IN!

Now it's time to start colouring in your entire image. Use your colour guides to keep you on track!



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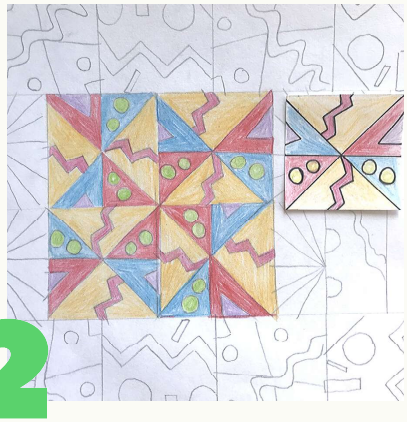

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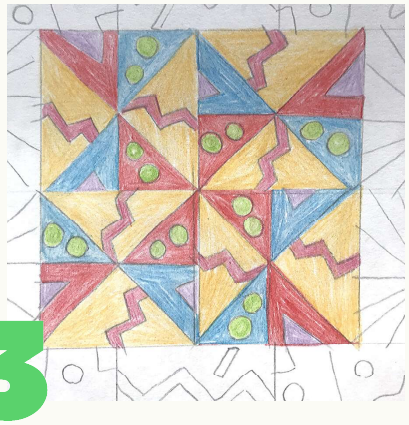

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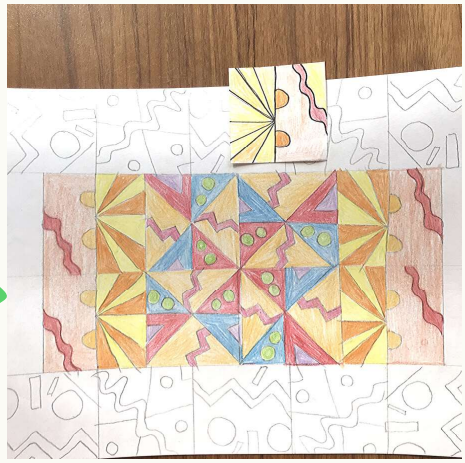

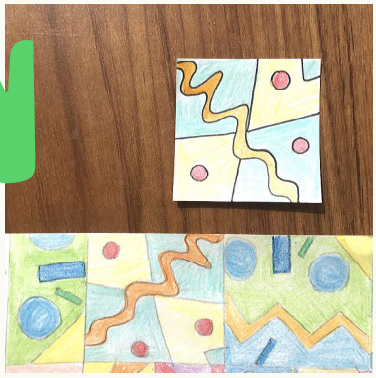

STEP SEVEN

SMARTENING UP

Trim off any untidy edges and go over the pencil lines with a black felt-tipped pen to finish it off!

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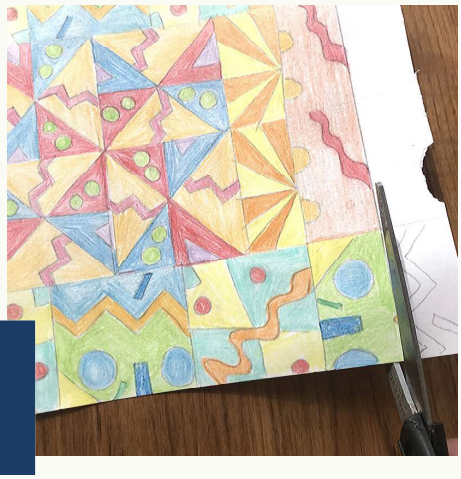

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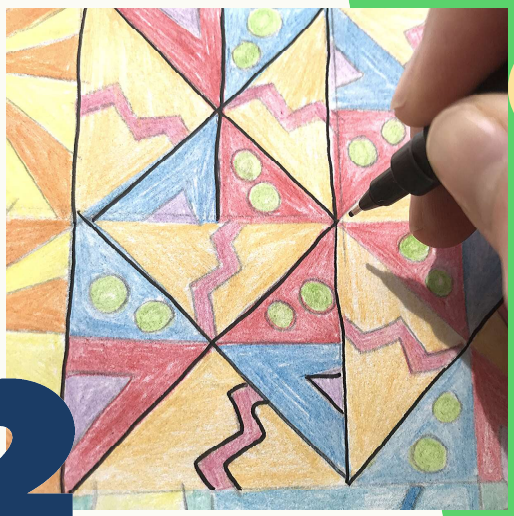

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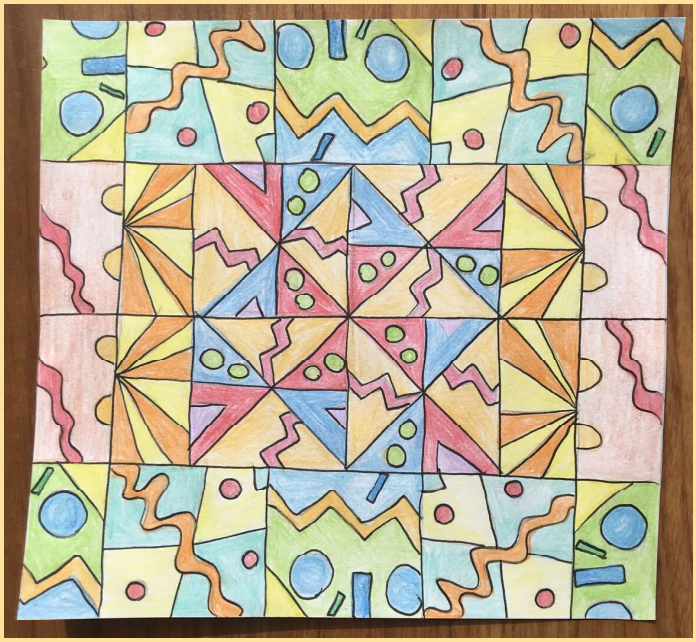
Colouring in is soothing. Take your time once you have designed your pattern, come back to the colouring in stage if you need a break...