



# Coloring Book of Mini Mandalas

## Grades 9-12

A circular format, or mandala, is drawn of shapes and patterns with black pen outlines using a template or freehand. Colored pencil technique of blending is used to "color" designs.

# Materials in Kit: Enough for 10 participants

Item# 405826 Prang® Colored Pencils, 10 Sets of 12

Item# 1296236 Sharpie® Pen, Black, Fine Tip, 3 packs of 4

Item# 1437644 Arnold Grummer's Zig Zag Book, 4 1/2" Square, Pack of 12

Item# 1466308 Koh-I-Noor® Artist Grade Colorless Blender, 5 packs of 2

Item# 1440834 Westcott® General Purpose Geometric Template, 5 Templates

Item# 037088 UHU® White Glue Stick, 0.29 oz, 10 Sticks

Item# 411260 Strathmore® Artagain® Recycled Papers, 12" x 18", Black, Pad of 24 Sheets

Item# 089840 School Smart® Safety Compass, Rounded Tip with Pencil, 5 Compasses

Item# 1404088 Strathmore® 300 Mixed Media Pad, 90 lb., 5½" x 8½", 40 Sheets

#### You will also need:

Copy Paper

Pencil

Tempera Varnish

Sulphite Construction Paper

## **Objectives**

· Create an original coloring book of mini mandalas as a group project or individually.

#### Directions:

- 1. The mini mandalas can be used as a small group project or individual. There are two covers and 10 pages including the back and front for each book in the group pack of Zig Zag books.
- 2. To make the mandalas, use a compass to draw a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " circle from a sheet of copy paper and then cut out. Draw another  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " circle on the drawing paper, which will fit on the  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " book page.
- 3. Fold the copy paper circle in half. Open and fold in half again creating a criss-cross. Fold two more times making eight "slices of a pie".
- 4. Gently flatten the folds and place the circle on the drawing paper circle and make a mark at the ends of each fold, along the circumference.
- 5. Remove the copy paper circle. Using a ruler, lightly draw four lines from the circumference marks through the center of the circle so it looks like pie slices.
- 6. Using a pencil first, and starting in the center, lightly draw a circle or square placing the template over the center. Then draw another shape touching the first. This will be repeated in each quadrant. Continue until the circle is filled with line drawings to be colored.
- 7. Cover pencil lines with the black pen, then erase any pencil that still shows.
- 8. Color with the Prang® Colored Pencils, experimenting with blending colors. Try putting analogous colors next to each other and using pressure, overlap several times blending one color into another. This technique works with shades of the same color as well
- 9. When the circle is filled, carefully cut out with scissors. If you would like to protect the mandala, coat with Tempera Varnish before cutting.
- 10. Assemble the Zig Zag book according to the directions in the group pack.
- 11. The pages are white. To cover them, if desired, cut two pieces of sulphite construction paper, 13" x 4 1/4" for the front and 17" x 4 1/4" for the back,
- 12. Use a UHU® glue stick to cover the pages.
- 13. Glue 6"x 6" sulphite construction paper to covers.

Cross Curricular: Art, Math and Social Studies

**National Core Art Standards:** 

**Creating Standard #1:** Generate and conceptualize artist ideas and work.

**Creating Standard #3:** Refine and complete artistic work.

**Presenting Standard #5:** Develop and refine artistic work for presentation.

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