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Motif Play!

A free exercise from my Botanical Mandalas Book

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WELCOME



Hello creative soul and welcome!

I am so happy to share this mini exercise from my Botanical Mandalas book!

It is great way to visualise how different your mandala designs can be using different mandala frameworks and a limited selection of botanical motifs!

I've included some loose watercolor motifs for you to use too!

*Much Love
Louise xx*

P.S. If you fancy diving right into how to Draw, Color and Paint Botanical Mandalas, I have a lovely bundle offering here. (4 classes for 25%, so off essentially 4 classes for the price of 3! OR check out my individual Botanical Mandala classes here.



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Playing with Motifs & Frameworks

Gather your motif sketches and drawings. Make enough photocopies of at least four different motifs so you have at least eight of each motif to play with. Cut them out and audition them with each framework template to get a feel for how different each can be. This is a great way to plan out your designs.

In the following examples, I have made color copies of some of my watercolor motifs from chapter 3 and cut them out to play with.

Creating Your Frameworks

Please refer to chapter 1 for an introduction to the frameworks and basic instructions on how they are constructed. You can also find downloadable frameworks to print out and videos on constructing your frameworks in the Book Club Member's area on botanicalmandalas.com/bookclub.



Eight-Point Radial

I have kept to eight of each motif and grown my mandala motif design from the center outwards, along the eight lines radiating from the center.



Eight-Point with Concentric Circles

This framework has concentric circles inside so I have varied the designs between the lines radiating outwards and around.



Wreath

A simple, beautiful design where all the motifs are swirling around the main circle of the framework.



Spiral

A floaty feeling can be created using the spiral framework, as if your motifs are floating around a pool or in a fountain of water.



Freestyle

This can be any design you like within the circle itself. I love to choose a focal point from which to radiate the rest of the motifs such as the bottom of the circle as in this design.

WATERCOLOR MOTIFS TO PRINT

Print out this page and cut each motif out to play with!
(larger versions on the next page!)



WATERCOLOR MOTIFS TO PRINT

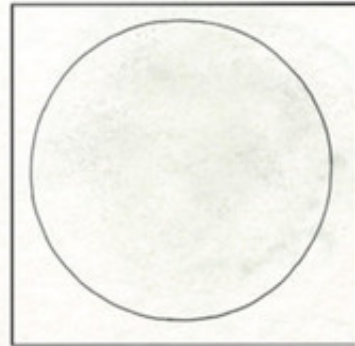


MANDALA FRAMEWORKS

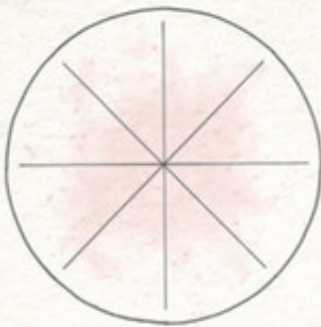
Below are the frameworks I love to use.
The following pages have a selection for you!



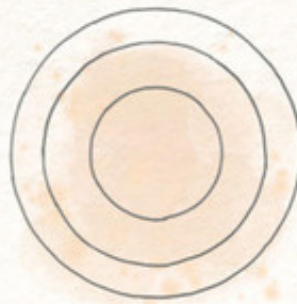
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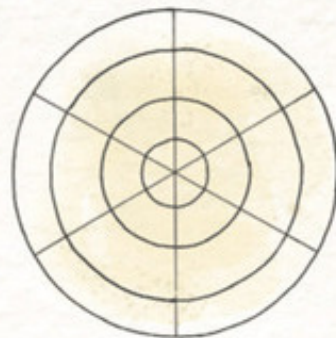
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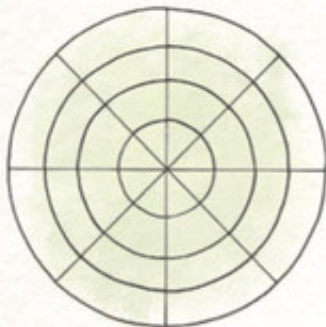
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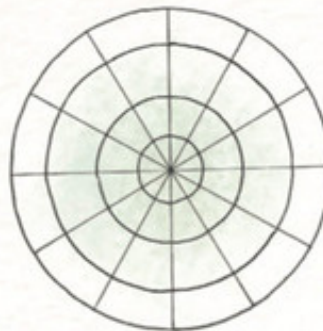
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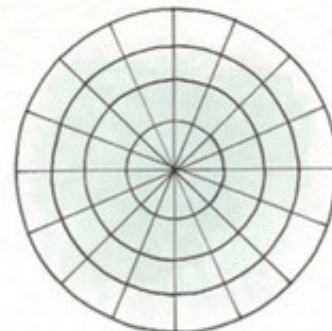
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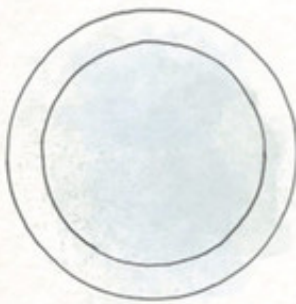
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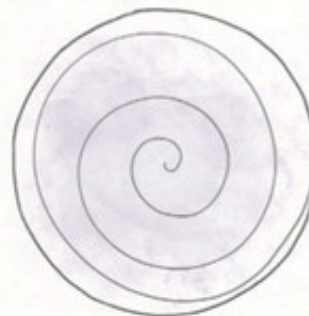
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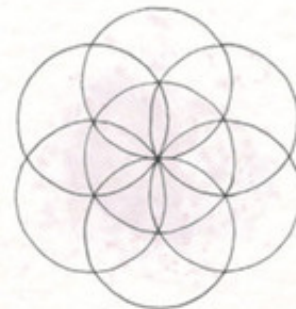
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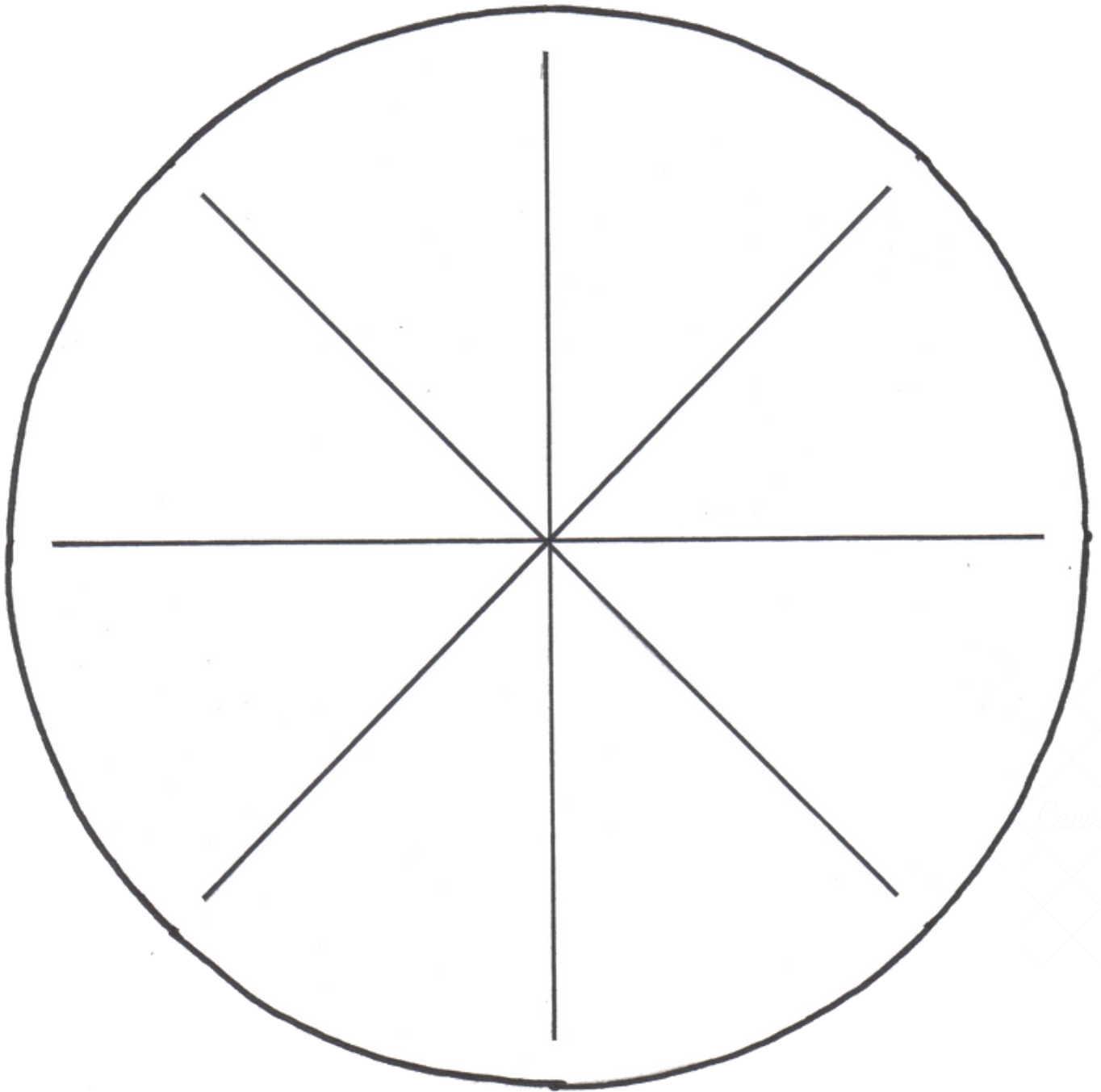


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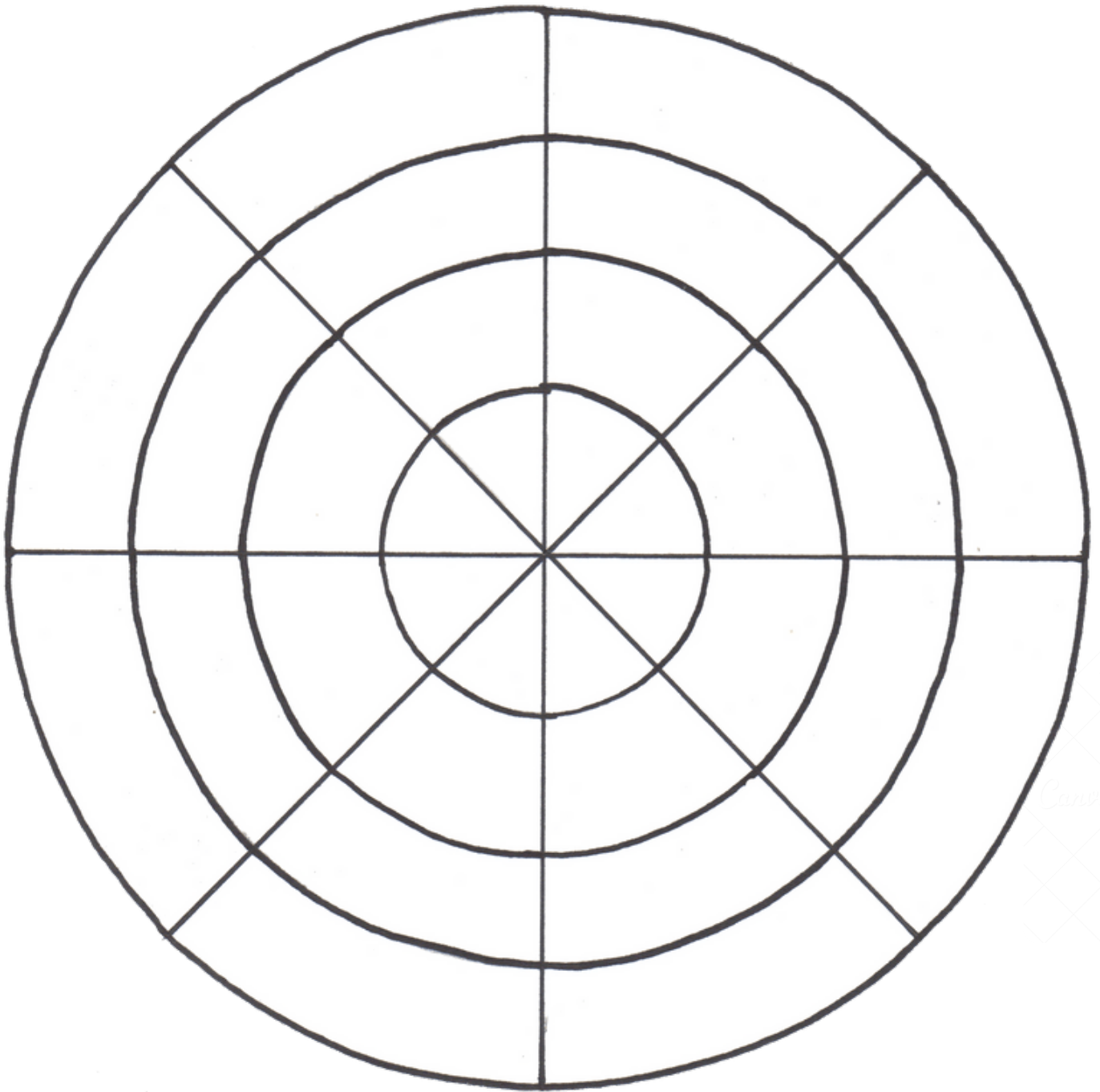


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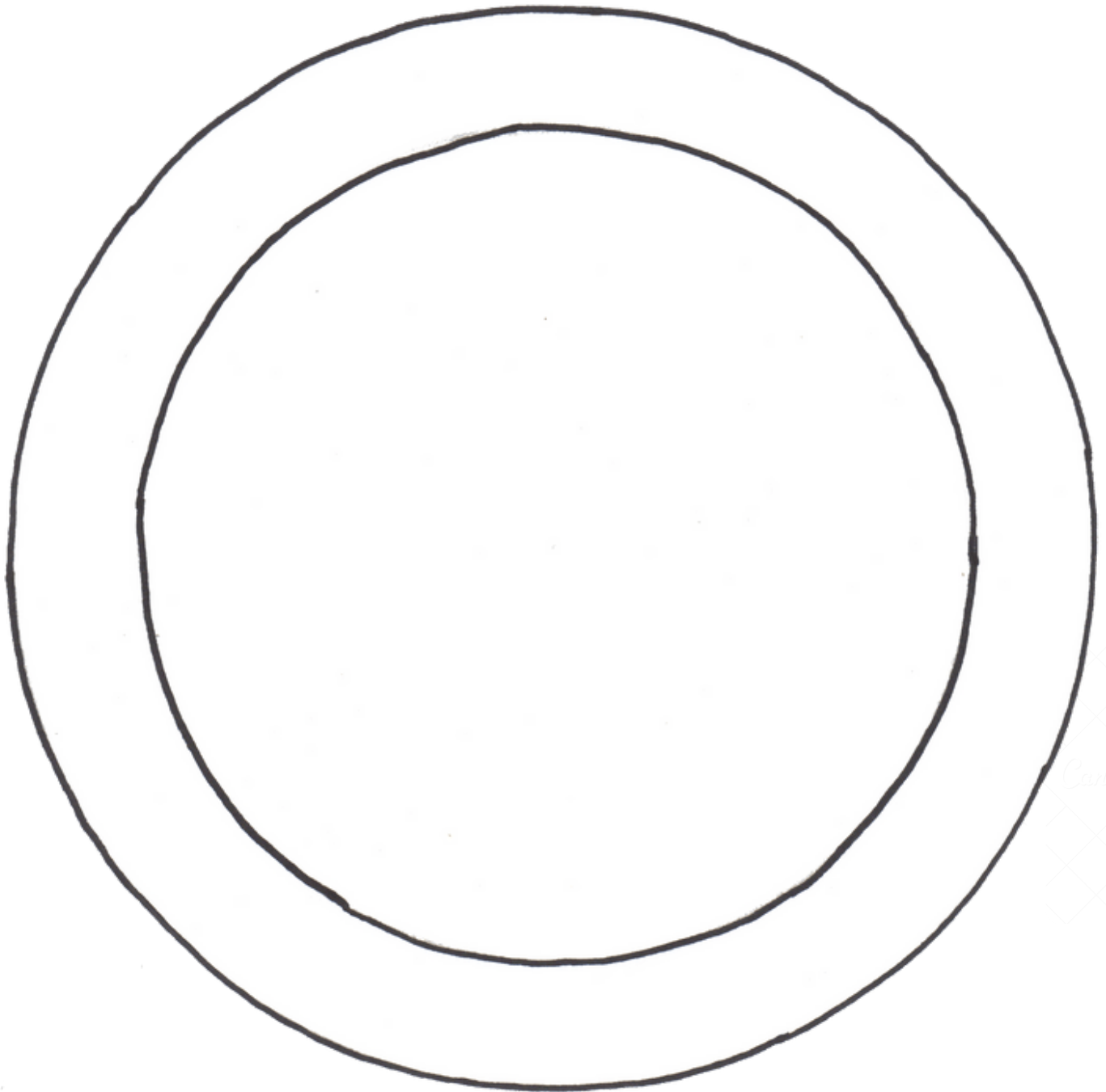
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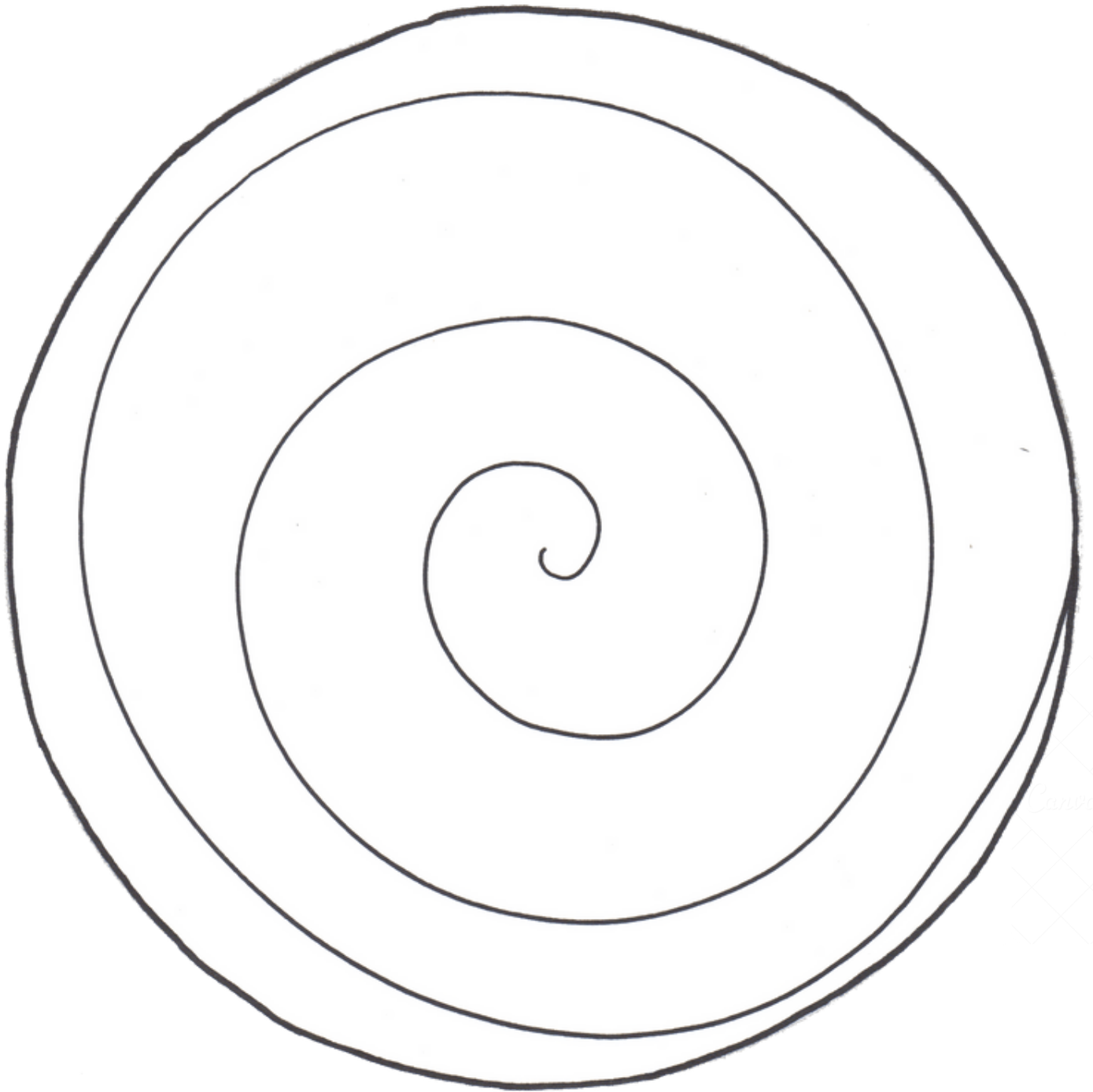
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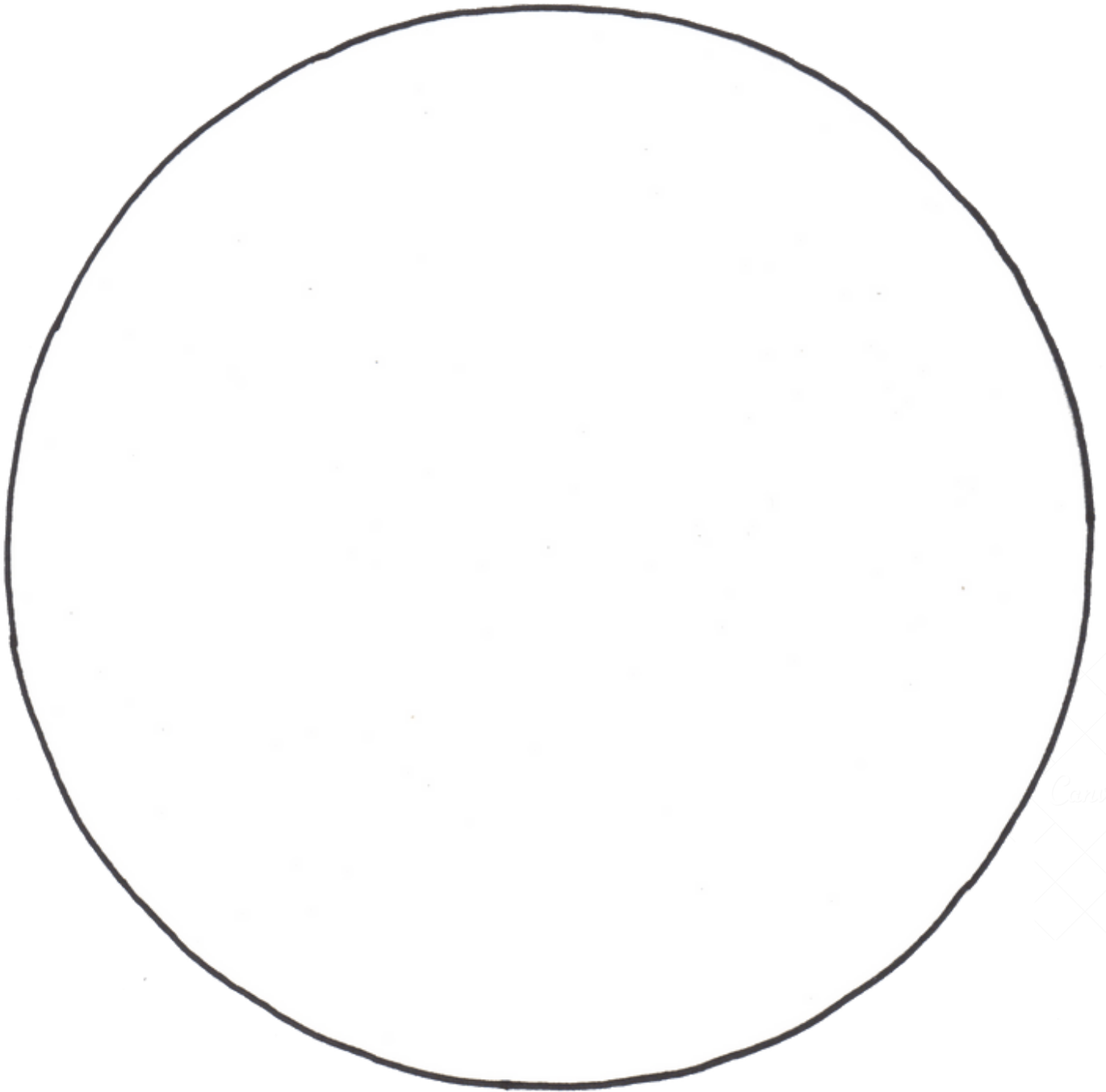
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SPIRAL



FREESTYLE!



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Connect to the healing power of nature and the meditative process of mandala making!

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Botanical Mandalas: Draw, Paint, Create One part inspiration, one part how-to, this book is full of inspiration for reconnecting with nature's beauty to inspire you to create expressive mandala artworks. This engaging and interactive book is packed with helpful tips and beautiful photographs of finished work to both instruct and inspire. It includes drawing, painting and mixed-media projects to find endless inspiration for your own botanical mandala journey.

Coloring Botanical Mandalas: The practice of coloring has been proven to calm the mind, lower blood pressure and create a personal meditative experience.

- A large range of designs from simple blooms to more complex and intricate illustrations. (over 60 designs included in the book)
- Includes designs with intentional white space for you to add your own favorite details in pen.
- Melt away the stress of your day, using colors that bring you joy.

FREE GOODIES AND MORE!

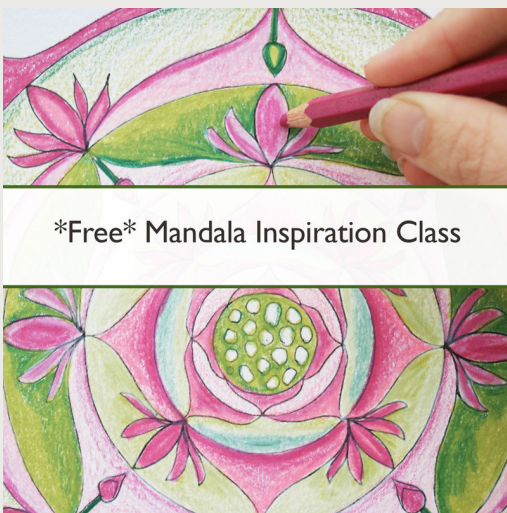
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