

# Zentangle

#### **Definition of a Zentangle:**

 A <u>Zentangle</u> is an abstract drawing created using repetitive patterns. It is usually structured within a certain shape.

### How it all started:

- Creators, Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts
- One day, Maria told Rick what she experienced as she drew background patterns on a manuscript she was creating. She described her feelings of timelessness, freedom and well-being and complete focus on what she was doing with no thought or worry about anything else.
  - "You're describing meditation," Rick said.

Rick and Maria wondered if they could create a simple system so others might enjoy a similar experience. And so began the journey towards discovering this simple and elegant system called the Zentangle Method.

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#### What's Zen?

- Zen
  - zen/
  - noun
  - noun: Zen; noun: Zen Buddhism
  - 1. a Japanese school of Mahayana Buddhism emphasizing the value of meditation and intuition.

#### Mistakes as foundations:

 There is no eraser in life and there is no eraser when creating a Zentangle. However, in creating Zentangle art (and in living life), you will discover that apparent mistakes can be foundations for new patterns and take you in unexpected and exciting new directions.

## **Oooo Examples:**







