

San Diego Book Club

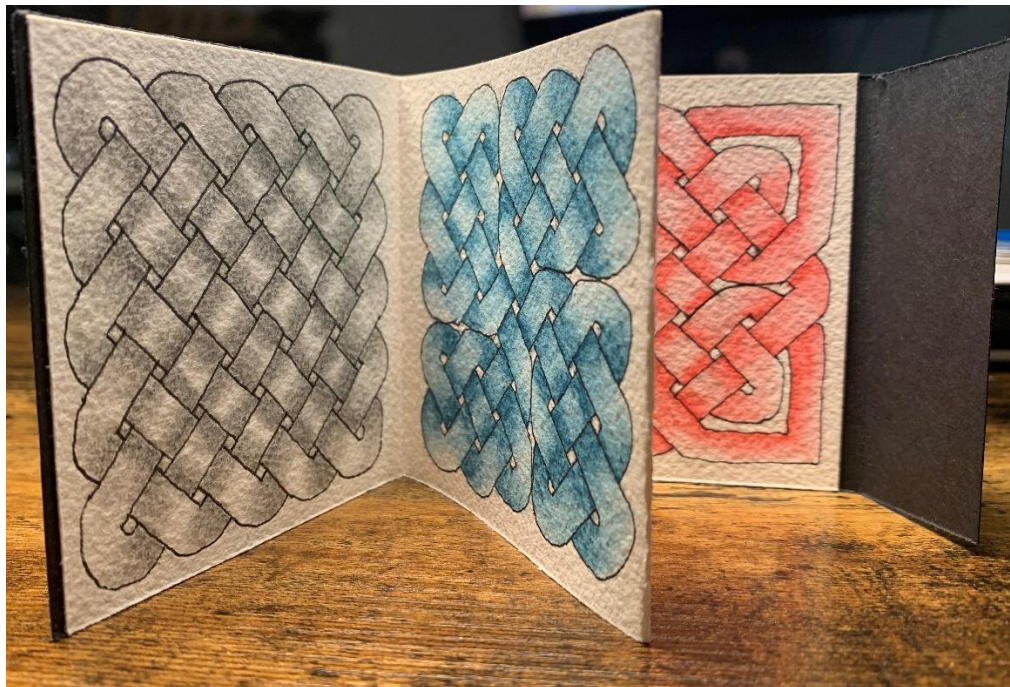
Simple Celtic Knots with Nancy Dawes

This project is about a small accordion booklet filled with simple, easy to follow Celtic Knots. I became interested in drawing Celtic Knots about the same time that I found the Zentangle drawing program, around 2013. The concepts of Zentangle, such as “One Stroke at a Time”, helped me to figure out how to reliably draw Celtic Knots.

The project this month at the San Diego Book Club starts with a 3 x 12” strip of quality paper such as mixed media paper and cover paper about 3 x 8” made from any paper strong enough to support the accordion folded paper.

Tools:

- Ruler
- Glue or double-sided sticky tape
- Pencil and Pen (e.g., Micron .01 or PN), smudge stick for shading
- Knot grid stencil (if desired)
- Color mediums of your choice



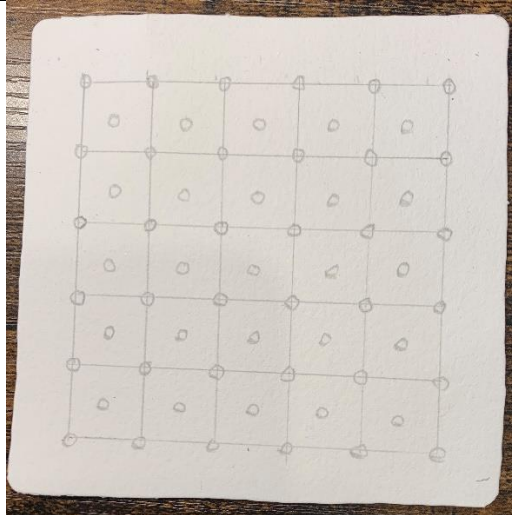
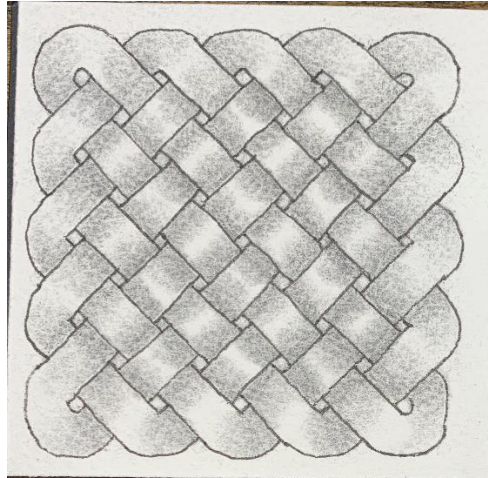


Student Instructions

Let's begin with your 3 x 12" strip of paper:

- Fold strip in half lengthwise
- Fold both ends towards the center fold line creating an accordion strip

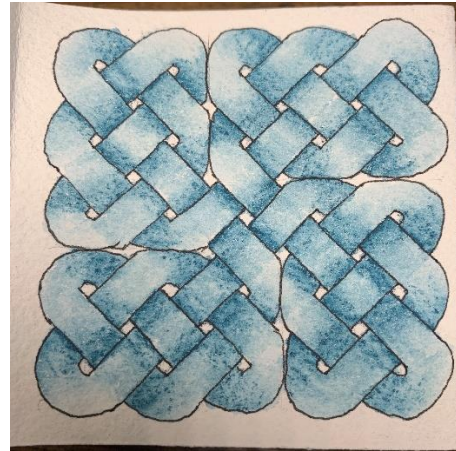
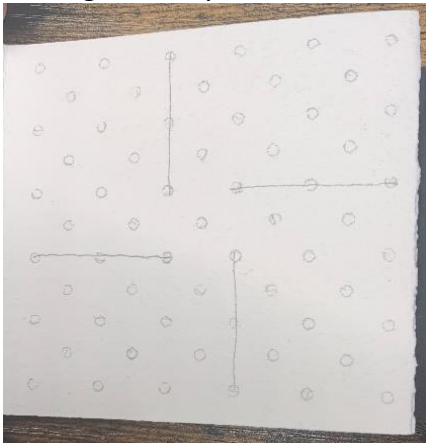
Celtic Knots

<p>Simple Celtic Knot Pattern</p> <p>Draw the grid freehand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draw 6 lines vertically and horizontally about $\frac{1}{2}$" apart. This forms the basis of the grid pattern.• Add small circles at each intersection.• Add a small circle in the center of each square.	
<p>Simple pattern #1 – plain knot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As described in class, draw your sets of "sister" lines anywhere you see four circles like a 4-dice.• Then draw the side paths.• Then draw the corners.• Shade as desired.	



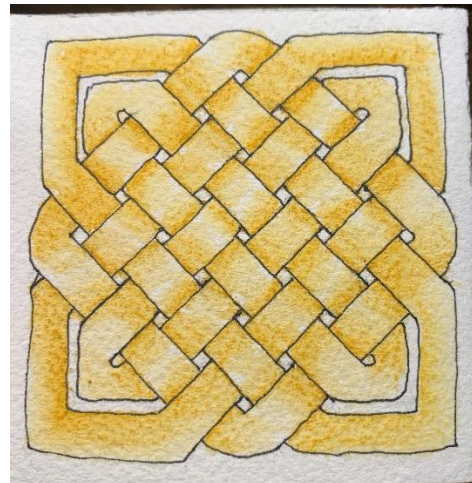
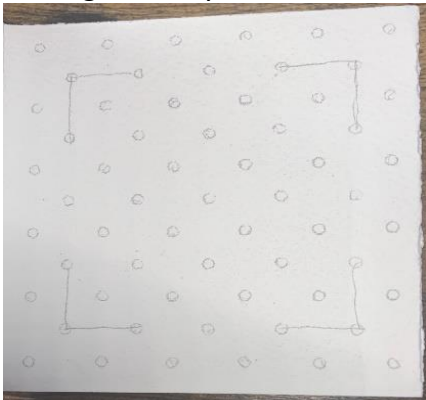
Simple pattern #2 – line barriers

Same grid – 6 by 6 circles



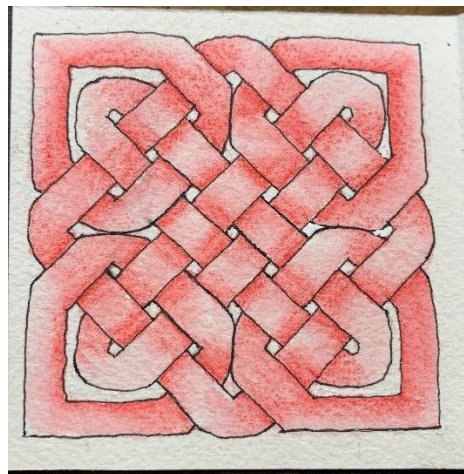
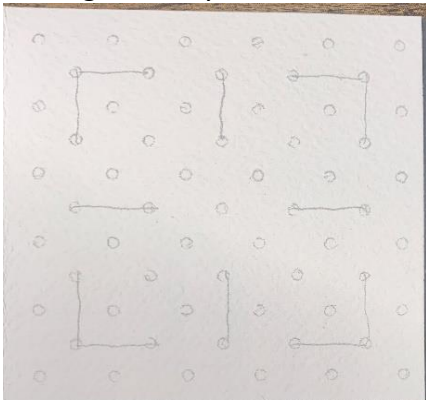
Simple pattern #3 – corner barriers

Same grid – 6 by 6 circles



Simple pattern #4 – line and corner barriers

Same grid – 6 by 6 circles





Book Cover and Closure

- Cut cover paper to 3 x 8"
- Glue edge of accordion to the edge of the cover paper
- Fold the accordion book page and then fold over the cover. Crease edge.
- Close the book and then fold over the closure flap.

