

Teach art principles & feel free to adapt this to you — creativity is encouraged for both teachers & students.



## **Zentangle Giraffe**

**Ages:** 8-Adult

### **Materials**

- Thick paper, watercolor, Pencil, Paper towel, water bucket, permanent marker, paintbrushes

### **Art Techniques**

- Line Drawing
- Watercolor Wet-on-Wet
- Blending Colors
- Zentangle-inspired patterns
- Contrast

### **Art Principles/ Elements**

- Emphasis
- Color
- Line
- Pattern
- Contrast

### **Instructions**

1. Use your pencil to lightly draw a large giraffe head and neck on your watercolor paper, filling most of the space.
2. Wet the entire background area around the giraffe drawing with a clean, wet paintbrush, then drop in pink, purple, and blue watercolors, allowing them to spread and blend freely using the wet-on-wet technique.
3. Once the watercolor background is completely dry, use a fine-tip black permanent marker to carefully outline the giraffe shape.
4. Inside the giraffe's outline, draw many different small patterns and designs, like dots, swirls, lines, and zigzags, filling its entire body with intricate details.
5. Add final small details to the giraffe's face like its eyes, and darken some of the patterns to create more contrast and depth within the drawing.