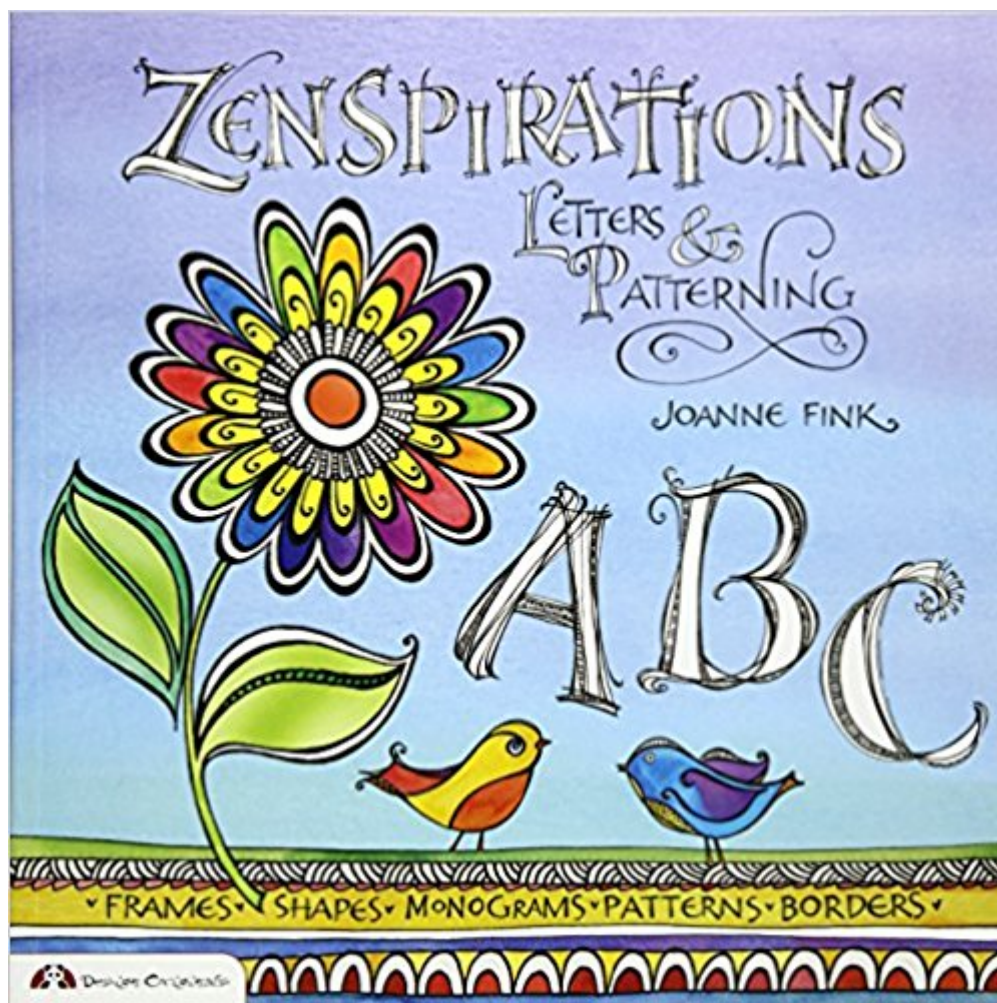


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# Zenspirations: Letters & Patterning



## Synopsis

Patterning is fun, easy and relaxing. It is a great way to add interest and texture to any design. Whether you like to journal, draw, doodle, design, or craft, you'll find a world of inspiration here. These decorative borders, frames, shapes, and alphabets will appeal to a spectrum of tastes and styles.

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## Customer Reviews

Zenspirations, Letters & Patterning by professional calligrapher Joanne Fink is sure to be popular with everyone who loves her videos as well as anyone who enjoys paper crafts, scrapbooking, card-making, illustration and making personalized gifts. In her introduction Joanne writes, "I fell in love with patterning in the summer of 2008 when I discovered the wonderful world of Zentangle , an art form developed by Rick Roberts and Maria Thomas. Since then I have incorporated patterning into my work, and call my new style Zenspirations." Joanne's new book Zenspirations is an 8 x 8-inch, 52-page (including covers) softcover that demonstrates in much greater detail the patterning techniques in Joanne's videos and contains many examples of her colorful and whimsical illustrations. Joanne reviews her seven basic patterns and suggests ways to add more detail to each. From there she moves on to filler patterns and vertical patterning - dangles that "hang" off the edge of a horizontal strip. The next sections demonstrate various pattern types and examples - circles and simple circle designs, simple flower designs, wave patterns, and pattern blocks. In the

coloring tools section Joanne talks about her favorite coloring tools and paper supplies. She discusses techniques for each - working with dark and light backgrounds, watercolor paints and techniques, and the paper she chooses for water media. The next sections are about embellished frames, creating patterned illustrations, flower and leaf designs and simple landscapes - all with many examples to spark your creativity. The final section of the book is about lettering, embellished monograms and how to use words in shapes. Zenspirations will teach you how to create beautiful patterns to add a whole new dimension of interest to your favorite crafts. "Joanne Fink's passion for beautiful patterns is contagious; her Zenspirations: Letters & Patterning makes it easy for artists and non-artists alike to master patterning quickly and easily." It's another great addition to enrich your imagination and your art library! Teaches readers how to create beautiful Zentangle-inspired patterns, designs, letters and numbers for your craft projects. Perfect for your scrapbooking, and paper crafts. 'Zenspirations' by Joanne Fink is not technically a Zentangle book. But it is clearly inspired by Zentangle as she mentions in the beginning of the book. Her artwork and lettering use drawing techniques inspired by various tangles. She also adds color using a variety of Sakura products.

Zenspirations Patterning is Fun, Easy, & Relaxing- and it's a great way to add interest and texture to any design. Whether you like to journal, draw, doodle, design, or craft, you'll find a world of inspiration in the pages of this book. Joanne Fink's passion for beautiful patterns is contagious; her Zenspirations Letters & Patterning techniques make it easy for artists and non-artists alike to master patterning quickly and easily.

I have a fair few Tangle books now, and those I have, I adore. This one seemed different - so I ordered this one too. It IS different!! It's absolutely lovely. I like to do finishing touches, draw some cards to send to family and friends, or simply a letter and I will try to embellish it a little, to cheer it up a bit with a squiggle here and there :-). I had been looking around for alphabet letters I could simply "Tangle" fill-in, when I was in a hurry to get something done. I also like to do a nice edge or border around a design. Joanne's book here has wonderful hints for that. She shows you all these cool designs for frames around photos too - imagine finding a pattern you can easily copy to adorn your favourite affirmation !! - you really just want to get stuck into them !! Her letters and patterning have really added to my store of "ingredients" for future cards, letters, drawings, and last but not least Tangles !! :-) My many thanks for this fantastic book of yours Joanne, it's great !! Kind regards, L.B.

In my opinion this book is not the worth the money. There is very little instructional info with oversized childish drawings as if they were intentionally created that way, in order to fill the pages. A lot of fluff with no real tangible content. It may be good for a small child, but this is not for any adult who wishes to learn anything even remotely real about letters or patterning.

I have reviewed Joanne Fink's books before and love them so I continue to purchase them. Her style of art is so much fun to do. Anyone can learn how to zendangle, but this book makes it so much easier. The graphics are fun, the colors are vibrant and the information was just what I was looking for.

This 51 page paperback is exactly what I was hoping it was. Joanne Fink's ZENSPIRATIONS Letters & Patterns is one of those things that if you get stuck on a deserted island you would want to have with you! It's so entertaining but also gives one confidence in being able to turn their 'can't draw a straight line' into some much more fun and interesting. Definitely recommend to all doodlers, artists or wanna be artists.

This is an 8.5 x 8.5 book with only 52 pages...and the front cover is pages 1 and 2; the back cover is pages 51 and 52. So, you see you're getting a very small book. I think everyone wanted a pattern for the cute little birds on the cover. She doesn't devote any space to them. I paid a small fortune for this pamphlet that's basically just an ad pushing Sakura products and her own. If you want Zentangle patterns, go to [zentangle.com](http://zentangle.com) and sign up for the free newsletter.

This was my first Zenspirations book and I have been hooked ever since! The author is very generous, in sharing her ideas and drawing techniques. The best part is, you can incorporate these ideas in your own original works of art. I cannot say enough good things about all of Joanne Fink's books and her generosity in sharing her techniques!

Joanne Fink can bring out your creativity! This book is Complete. Not only does she show you how to draw beautiful alphabet letters but designs for all occasions in so many forms. I purchased this book for the alphabet but was pleasantly surprised to find flowers, butterflies, frames, borders, wave patterns, and I love the verticals! She introduces color to the designs and everything is step by step. This was a great purchase.

I bought this for a gift based on the rave reviews to see if I might want one for myself. It's very disappointing. Titled 'Letters and Patterns' it is 90% patterns and very little lettering. There are two alphabet examples, one simple and one flamboyant. The designs are pretty childish also - I'll be looking elsewhere for a book for myself.

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