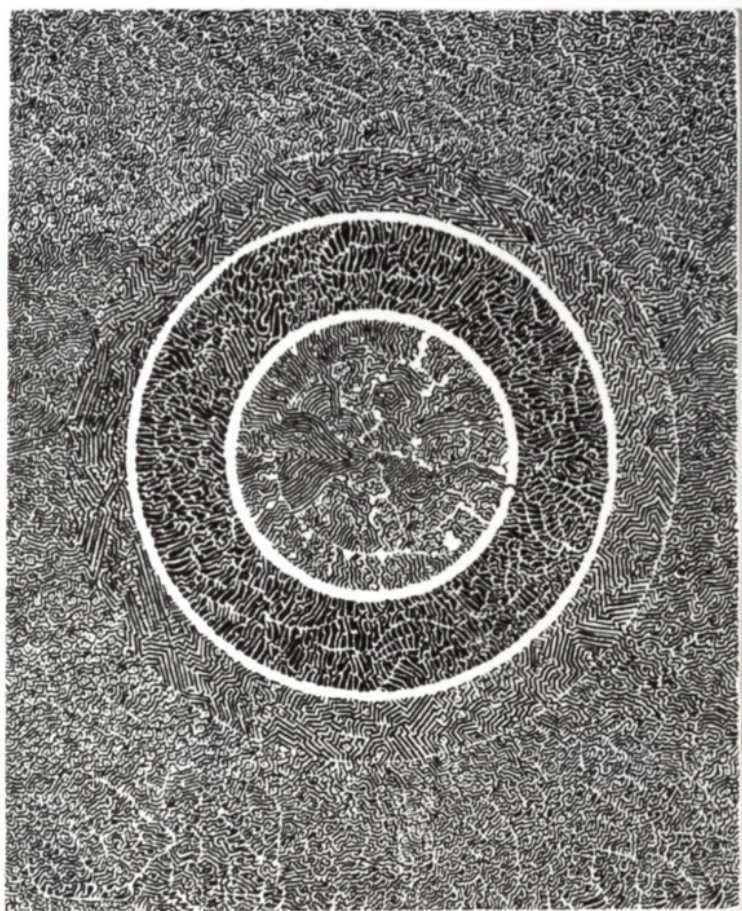


# Mandala Drawings

## Inspired by the work of Bruce Conner



Bruce Conner, #113, 1970. Offset lithograph, 11.75" x 9.5". © 2023 Conner Family Trust, San Francisco / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.

**Bruce Conner** was a conceptual artist that worked in many media forms including film, photography, multimedia, and printmaking. The circular mandala forms that can be seen in some of the prints reference the artist's deep knowledge of Eastern philosophies. The drawing process required the artist to spend many hours creating continuous lines, or drawing without lifting the pen from the paper. These drawings were then made into lithograph prints like the one above.

## VOCABULARY

**Symbolism**: the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities.

**Mandala**: 1.) a geometric figure representing the universe in Hindu and Buddhist symbolism; 2.) a symbol in a dream, representing the dreamer's search for completeness and self-unity.

**Symmetry**: when an object looks the exact same on one side as the other.

**Radial Symmetry**: symmetry around a central axis, as in a starfish or a tulip flower.

## MATERIALS

- A print out of the worksheet below - variation: use a blank piece of paper and trace objects with circular shapes to create a circle with layers similar to the printout.
- A pen or pencil
- Coloring materials such as colored pencils, markers, or crayons

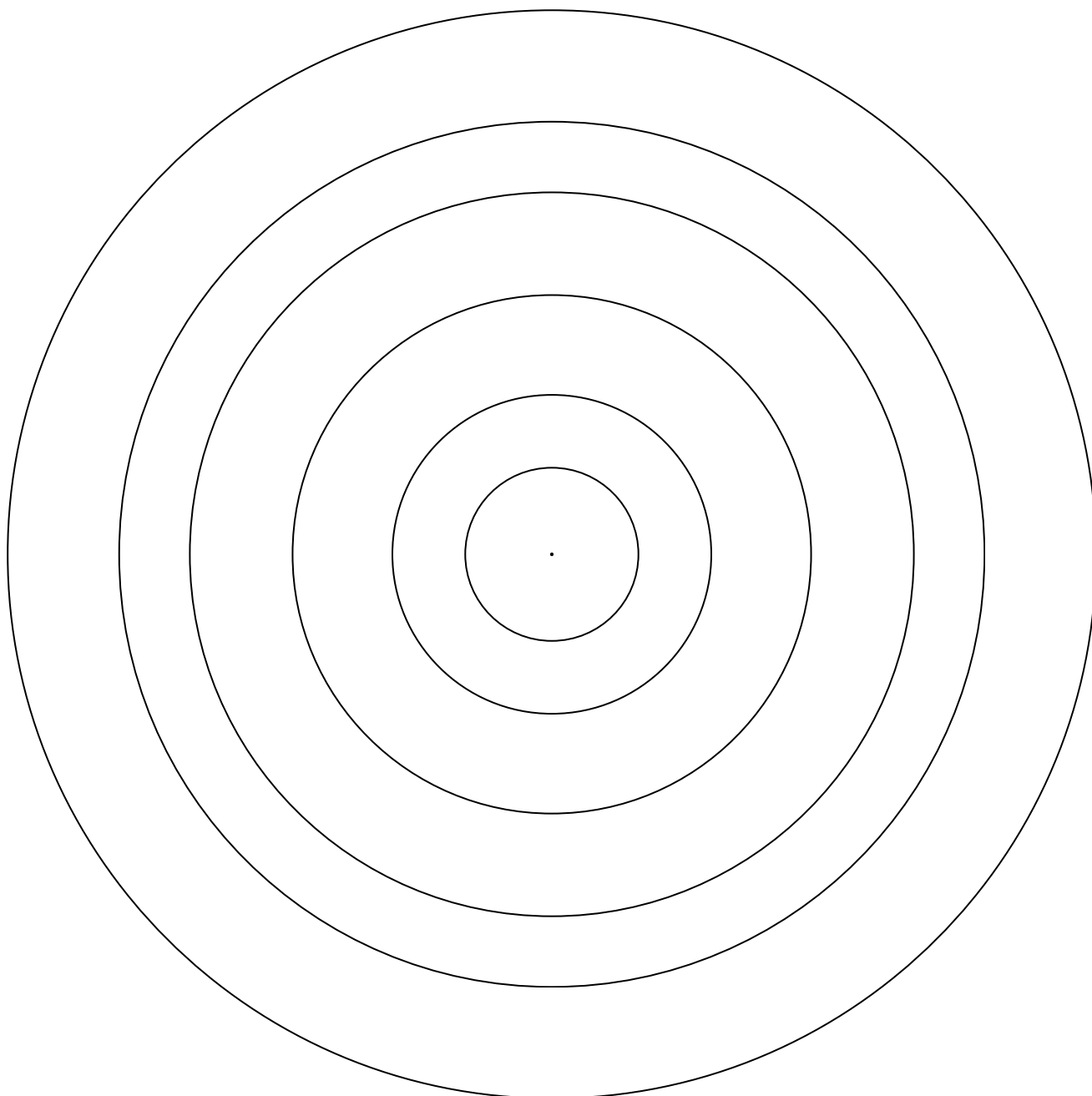
## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.) Print out the worksheet below and gather your materials
- 2.) Grab your pen or pencil and begin drawing. Working from the center of the circle outwards, start filling in the circle layers with patterns. Look at the "Examples of Patterns" resource and the example attached below for inspiration. For older ages, ask them to focus on the radial symmetry.
- 3.) Add color to your mandala if you would like.

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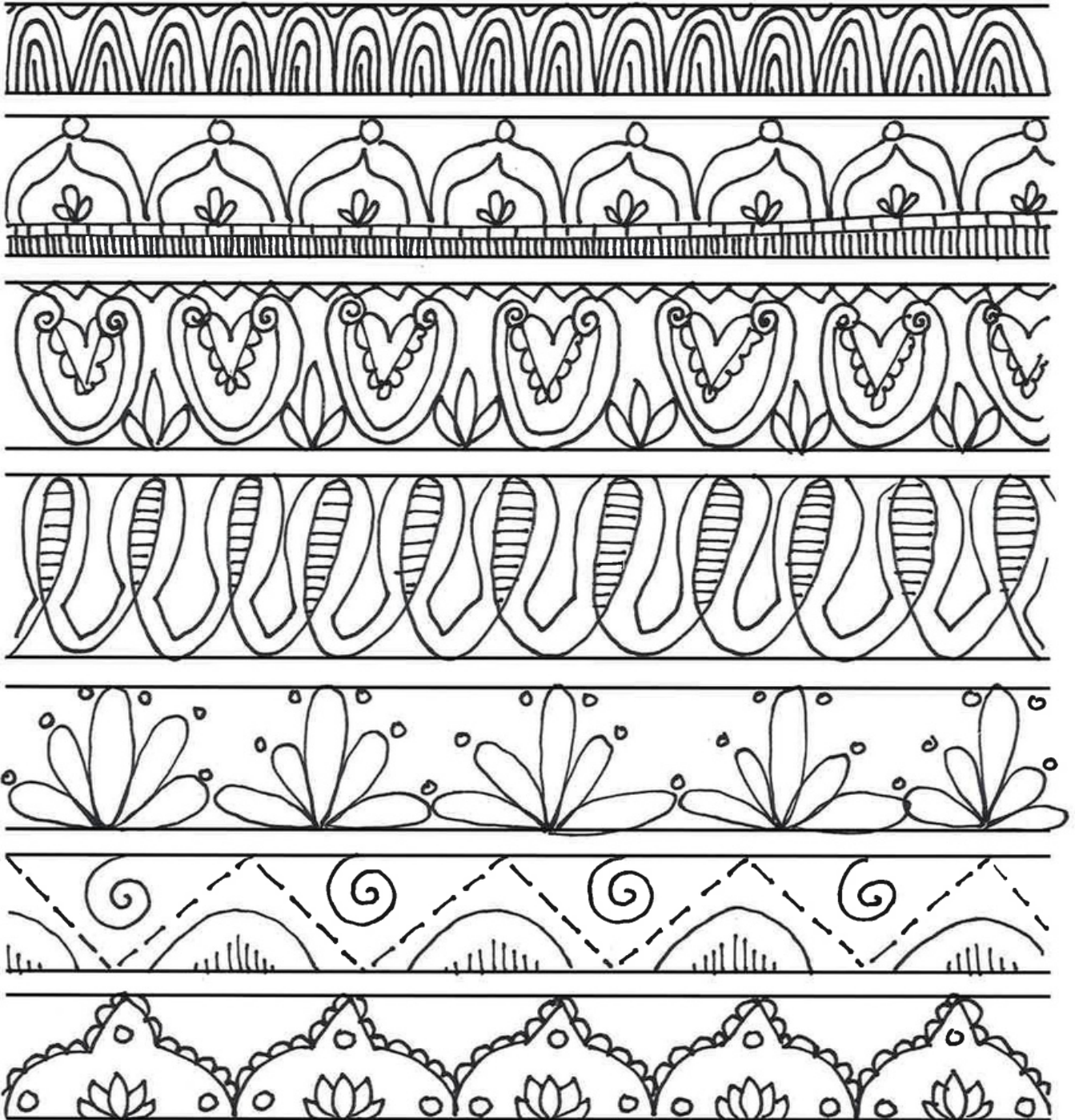
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Fill in each layer of the circle with patterns. Feel free to add color!



## Pattern Examples

Use these patterns for inspiration or come up with your own! Feel free to add color once you have finished drawing.





**Example**

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