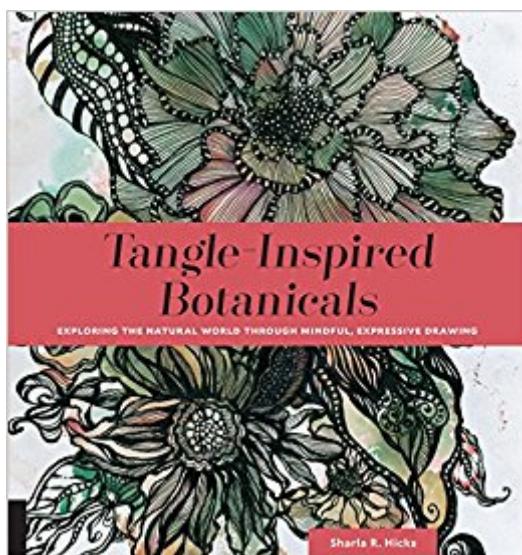


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# Tangle-Inspired Botanicals: Exploring The Natural World Through Mindful, Expressive Drawing



## **Synopsis**

Get tangled up in the serenity of the natural world. It's easy to see why interest in tangle drawing continues to grow. With a focus on simple mark making as well as drawing with the intention to relax and be creative, tangle drawing is a powerful tool for people looking to tap into their inner artist. This book guides readers in exploring and developing their own style of tangle-inspired botanicals, land and seascapes, lush foliage, and mixed-media color enhancers. Artist Sharla R. Hicks uses nature, photography, expressive marks and line, repetitive pattern, color, shade and shadow, and enhancements to bring a new vision to your tangling. *Tangle-Inspired Botanicals* includes more than 200 illustrations, including many finished artworks, along with written instruction.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Sharla Hicks has been a Certified Zentangle Teacher since 2011. She has a 40-year background as a mixed-media and textile artist, fluent in painting, collage, printmaking, quilting, and fiber techniques. Today, her primary focus is offering lectures, retreats, and workshops around the world that combine the gift of Expressive Tangled Drawing infused with her background and expertise as an expressive artist working across multiple art forms, and using design fundamentals and color to produce innovative Tangle-inspired art pieces.

Great book for those familiar with Zentangle and for non tangling artists. Beautiful results with easy to follow lessons. Highly recommend this addition to the artist's library.

I just finished this book and must admit I was a bit disappointed. Although it is a beautiful book filled with wonderful designs, in my mind it lacked the sense of fun that Zentangles usually have. This is a very structured book. It reminded me of the many art classes I have taken. If someone desires to do heavy super detailed designs, this is the book for you. If you just want to have fun, yet create an artistic design or drawing check out other books or better yet, go online and see some of the wonderful work others have done without being instructed in a super structured manner. This is supposed to be a fun and relaxing art form to take your mind off of stress and pain. I am afraid this book would cause some.

This is a rich compendium of how to achieve the botanical look in your tangles and is a book that every tangler (doodler) and CZT (Certified Zentangle<sup>Âfâ</sup> <sup>Â®</sup> Teacher) should have in their repertoire. As a CZT, this book immediately went to the top of all publications in the realm of tangling. I was torn between immediately shopping for a new journal to begin the lessons or reading through the book. In the end, I couldn't put the book down because the visual journey kept me mesmerized.

I love this book! It offers simple lessons to incorporate tangles into Botanicals. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to take their tangling from basics to the next level and loves Botanical illustration.

Wow, what a beautiful college level learning experience wrapped up in a wonderful book. Every page is a wealth of information gently pushing the learner to greater heights of creative exploration. I love it! Diligently complete the exercises that Sharla suggests and you will find your art transformed. They are easy to do and result in tremendous growth. I highly recommend this book to any aspiring artist as well as tanglers who want to take their drawing to the next level.

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