

Mandala art

is a detailed and symmetrical design often created using repeated patterns. CorelDRAW's **Rotation Tool** makes it easy to design mandalas with precision. Follow these steps to create your own mandala art:

Step 1: Set Up the Workspace

1. Open CorelDRAW and create a new document.
 2. Enable the **guidelines** or use a **grid** to ensure symmetry.
 3. Draw a small circle or shape at the center of the canvas to serve as your starting point.
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Step 2: Create the Base Shape

1. Use the **Ellipse Tool** or any other shape tool to draw the desired base pattern (e.g., petal, teardrop, or geometric shape).
 2. Position this shape near the center of the canvas.
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Step 3: Use the Rotation Tool

1. Select the shape you created.
 2. Activate the **Transformation Docker** by going to **Window > Dockers > Transformations > Rotate**.
 3. Set the **rotation center** to the center of your canvas (drag the small target point of the shape to the canvas center).
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Step 4: Define Rotation Settings

1. In the Rotate Docker:
 - Specify the angle of rotation (e.g., 15° or 30°).
 - Enter the number of copies required to complete a full circle (360° divided by the rotation angle).
 2. Click **Apply** to duplicate the shape around the center in a circular pattern.
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Step 5: Add Details to the Mandala

1. Create more intricate patterns by combining smaller shapes and repeating them using the same rotation technique.

2. Experiment with lines, curves, and additional shapes to add depth and layers to your design.
 3. Use the **Virtual Segment Tool** to trim and refine overlapping areas if needed.
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Step 6: Apply Colors and Effects

1. Use the **Smart Fill Tool** to add vibrant colors to specific sections of your mandala.
 2. Experiment with gradients, transparency, and outlines to enhance the design.
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Tips for a Stunning Mandala

- Use symmetry and repetition for visual balance.
- Explore varying line thickness to add texture and detail.
- Combine different patterns and styles to create unique designs.