

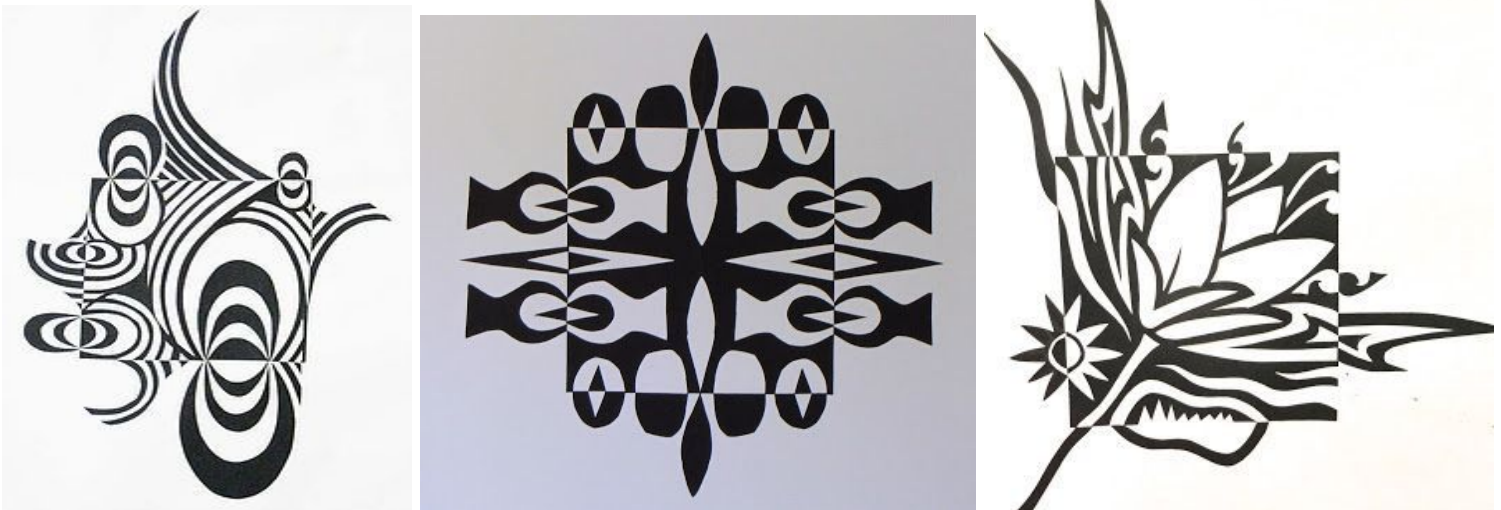
Let's Make Stuff! With d'Arci Bruno Class #10
Exploring Positive/Negative Space with Notans

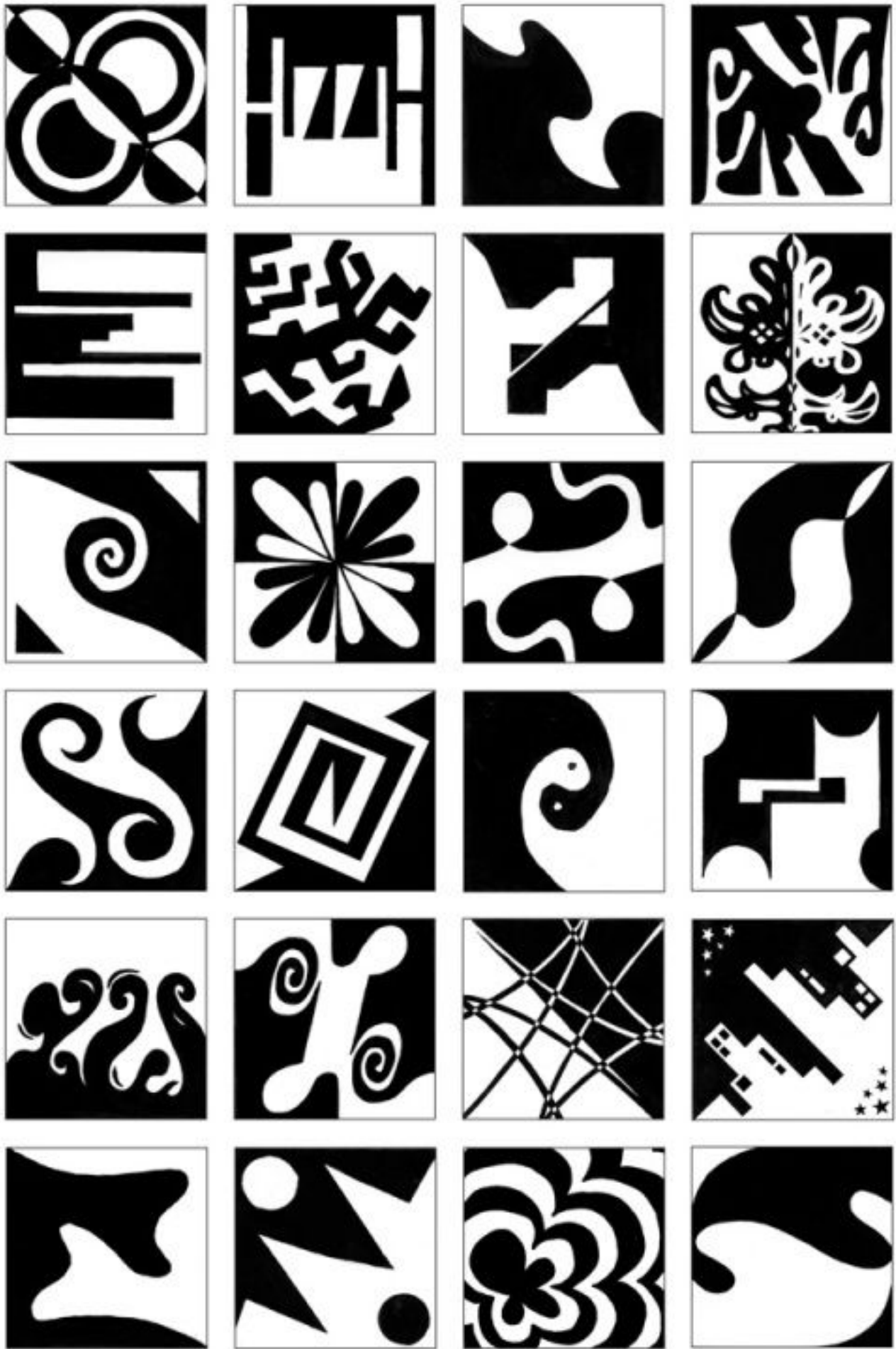
Positive space refers to the subject or areas of interest in an artwork, such as a person's face or *figure* in a portrait, the objects in a still life painting, or the trees in a landscape painting. ... **Negative space** is the *background* or the area that surrounds the subject of the work. **Figure-ground reversal** in art may be most evident when the space around a subject, not the subject itself, forms an interesting or artistically relevant shape, and such space occasionally is used to artistic effect as the "real" subject of an image.



Notan Art

Notan is a Japanese term which means Dark/Light. The theory behind Notan is: positive and negative areas should **complement one another**, be in harmony and coexist without one dominating the other. A perfect lesson for the times we live in! Artists often use "notan studies" to explore different arrangements of light and dark elements in a painting, without having the distraction of other elements like color, texture and finer details.





For this class you will need:

White paper AND Black or other Color/Contrast paper

Pencil or pen to create your design-pencil will probably work best for this exercise

Scissors and/orExacto knife/cutting mat

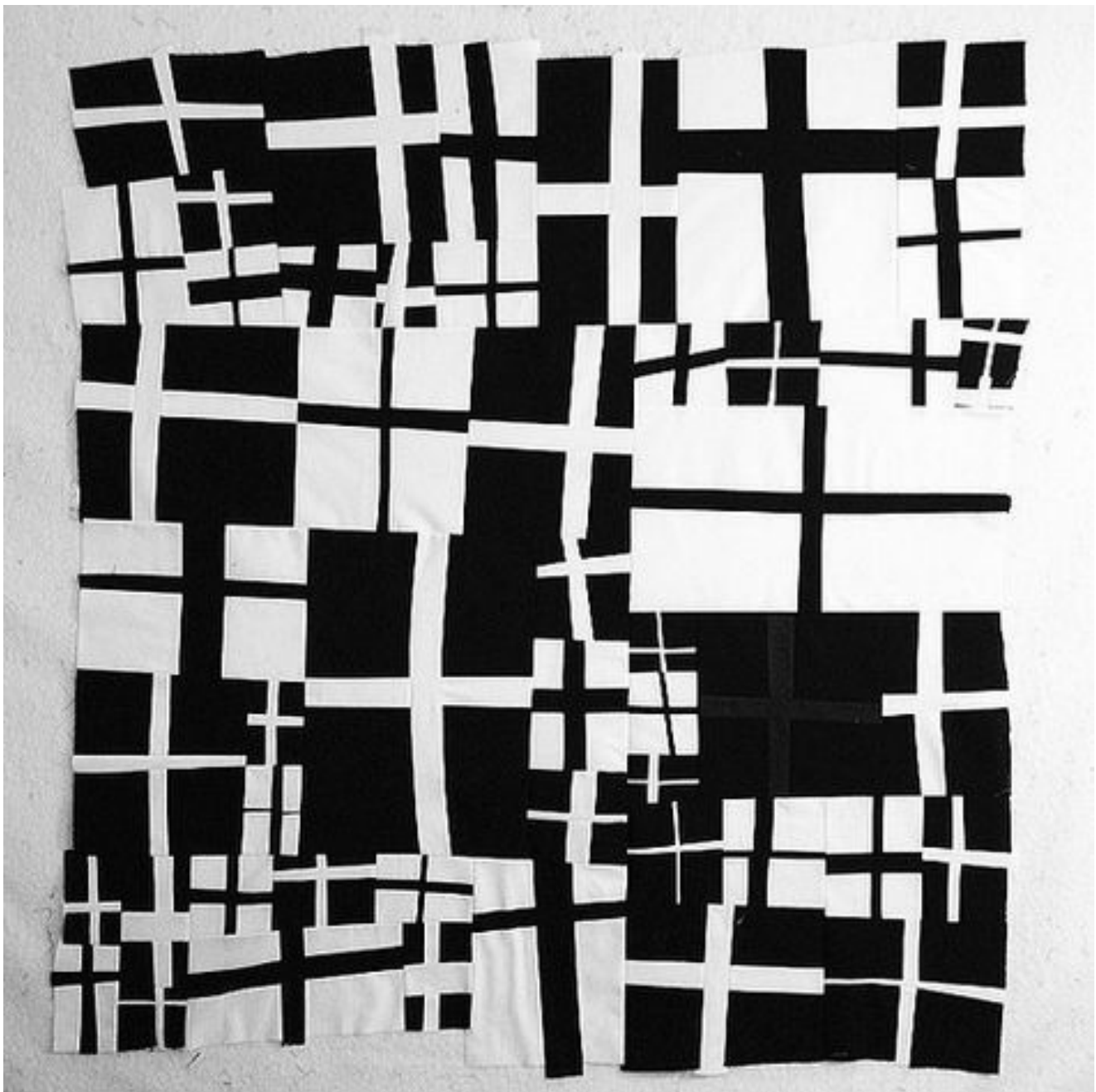
Glue stick, Yes paste, etc..

Here are a couple of links for you to check out regarding Positive and Negative space:

<https://digitalsynopsis.com/design/negative-space-art-illustrations-noma-bar/>

<https://thedesignest.net/negative-space-collection/>

<https://drawpaintacademy.com/notan/>



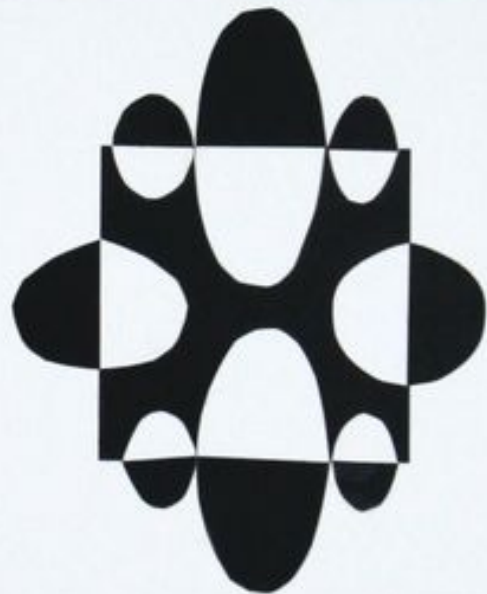
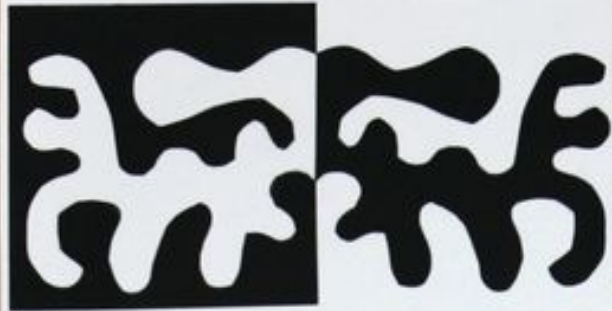
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