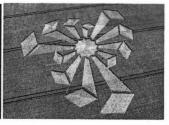
# **Circle Design**

#### Materials:

- 1) Scratch Paper
- 2) Compass
- 3) 12" Ruler



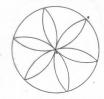




### **Purpose:**

A crop circle is a sizeable pattern created by the flattening of a crop such as wheat or corn. Some people claim that crop circles are made by aliens and must contain a message. We will learn the math behind and the fundamentals of crop circle designs by practicing the designs on this sheet. We will do Design #1 together as a class. Choose from one of the other designs for your assignment and do it on a clean sheet of white paper. In the future, you will make your own unique crop circle design outside. Take pride in your work and have fun!





- 1. Draw a circle near the center of your paper. Label the center point R.
- 2. Make a point on the circle and label that point S.
- Using S as the center, draw an arc that passes through R and begins and ends on the circle.
- Using the endpoints of the arc as centers, draw 2 more arcs that begin and end with the circle.
- Continue to make arcs, using the endpoints as centers, until you have a flower with six petals inside the circle.
- Color.

Design #3



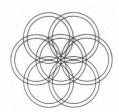
- 1. Center on the paper a circle with a 2-inch radius.
- 2. Mark a point anywhere on the circle.
- Using a compass, mark points at 2-inch intervals around the circle. (The last interval may not be exactly 2 inches.)
- At each of these points, center a circle with a 2-inch radius.
- 5. Color.

Design #2



- 1. Center on the paper a circle with a 31/2-inch radius.
- 2. Center on the paper a circle with a 2-inch radius.
- Place the metal point of the compass on the smaller circle and place points at 2-inch intervals around the circle.
- Placing the metal point of the compass on each point, draw arcs that begin and end on the larger circle.

Design #4



- Center on the paper a circle with a 2-inch radius.
- 2. Using the same center point, draw a circle with a 13/4-inch radius.
- 3. Mark a point anywhere on the outer circle.
- Using a compass, mark points at 2-inch intervals around the circle. (The last interval may not be exactly 2 inches.)
- 5. Center a circle with a 2-inch radius at each point.
- Inside each circle, using the same center point, draw another circle with a 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch radius.
- 7. Color.

## Design #5



- 1. Center on the paper a circle with a 4-inch radius.
- 2. Mark a point anywhere on the circle.
- Set your compass at 3 inches. Using the compass, mark points at 3-inch intervals around the circle. (The last interval may not be exactly 3 inches.)
- 4. Connect the points to form an octagon.
- 5. Connect opposite points to form four diameters.
- 6. Center a circle with a 2-inch radius.
- Connect every other point on the larger circle to the points on either side of it on the smaller circle. This will form a four-point star.
- 8. Color.

# Design #7



- 1. Center on the paper a circle with a 3-inch radius.
- 2. Draw the horizontal and vertical diameters of the circle.
- 3. Center a circle with a 21/2-inch radius.
- 4. Center a circle with a 11/2-inch radius.
- Draw four line segments connecting the endpoints of the radii of the largest circle to form a square.
- Draw four line segments connecting the endpoints of the radii of the smallest circle to form a square.
- Using a radius of 1½ inches and the corners of the smallest square as centers, draw four circles.
- 8. Color.

# Design #6



- 1. Center on your paper a circle with a 3-inch radius.
- 2. Draw the horizontal and vertical diameters.
- 3. Connect the ends of the radii to form a square.
- Mark the midpoints of each side of this square. Connect the midpoints to form a new square.
- 5. Center a circle with a 2-inch radius.
- 6. Connect the ends of the radii of this circle to form a new square.
- 7. Center a circle with a 1-inch radius.
- 8. Connect the ends of the radii to form a square.
- Mark the midpoints of each side of this square. Connect the midpoints to form a new square.
- Can you see what to connect to form a smaller square inside the one that you just drew? If so, draw it.
- 11. Color.

### Design #8



- 1. Center on the paper a circle with a 2-inch radius.
- 2. Draw the horizontal and vertical diameters.
- 3. Extend each diameter 1 inch beyond the circle.
- Using the new ends of the diameters as center points, draw four circles, each with a 1-inch radius.
- 5. Connect the centers of the four new circles to form a square.
- 6. Mark the midpoint of each side of the square.
- 7. Center on each midpoint a circle with a 1-inch radius.
- 8. Connect the center of each of the new circles to the one opposite.
- Extend each radius that you have just drawn in the four new circles to form diameters.
- 10. Center a circle with a 1-inch radius at the outer end of each new diameter.
- 11. Repeat the process, extending each radius to become a diameter.
- Center a circle with a 1-inch radius at the outer edge of each new diameter.
- 13. Color.