



Botanic Bytes - October

A digital floral artist at heart, I've traded city lights for country vistas. My art is a reflection of this journey - a "city mouse" finding fresh inspiration and new beauty in every petal of my rural transformation, a blooming vision I am now ready to share with the world!

Welcome to this special edition of Botanic Bytes!

While I keep things short and sweet most months, I'm making an exception this time. This newsletter is a little longer than usual because I'm taking an extra moment to spotlight someone I consider both a mentor and a friend. Please dive into the provided links—you'll quickly see that everything I say about her is absolutely true!

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The Stories Behind the Art - Finding My Community



I want to dedicate a major shout-out to my favorite art teacher and mentor, the incredible **Delores Naskrent**.

My journey to find her began after learning layout, composition, and color theory from other surface pattern designers. While I valued the fundamentals, I've never been a fan of flat art or dull neutral colors. I love nature and have always tried my best to use colors as Mother Nature intended.

In my search for an instructor who embraced color, depth, and texture, I tried many, but finally found my spirit animal in Delores. Her art is full of everything I love, and she is a fantastic instructor.

I initially found her on Skillshare and was immediately drawn to her approach to mixed-media art. As a former art teacher, she has brilliantly transformed her teaching style into a warm and supportive digital platform. Now, every Tuesday,

I join Delores and a group of fellow artists—my community!—where we encourage each other and find inspiration even when life is weighing us down.

I am so happy to have finally found my creative home.

This sense of connection has deeply influenced my work. When I recently created my mixed media **Wildflower** design, I had Delores's inspiring work in mind. It's a tribute to finding that wild, unique blend of beauty and support—a sentiment I also express by using **"Wildflowers" by Tom Petty** as the music for my social media reels, somewhere inside I think Delores would approve!

WILDFLOWERS



Now if she can inspire me to do this what can she inspire you to do?

Explore Delores's platforms today: take a class, follow her work, and see why she is my favorite instructor.

Delores Naskrent Platforms:

School

Skillshare

YouTube

Instagram

Facebook

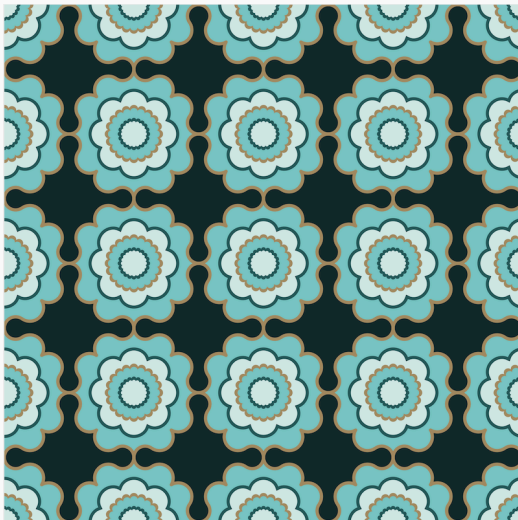
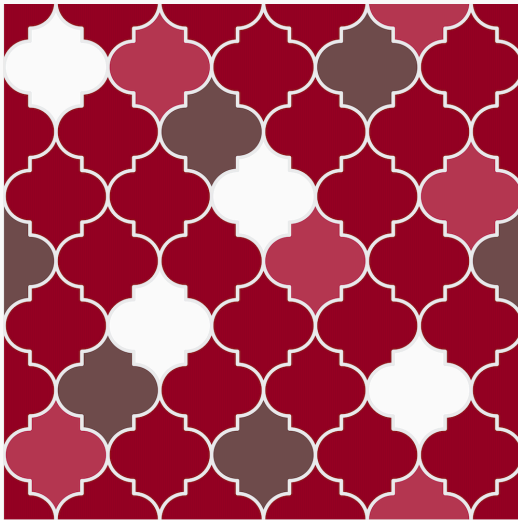
Please Note: I am not affiliated with Delores or these pages; I simply love her design, teaching style, and the inspiration!

September Patterns of the Month

Now available on Spoonflower

My new Quatrafoil designs are here!

This Mid-Century Modern pattern was inspired by Tracey Capone's excellent Surface Pattern Design class on [Skillshare](#) (I highly recommend it!). The designs are now available on Spoonflower for fabric, wallpaper, and home décor—perfect for the Christmas season!





Tool Talk & Studio Updates

Something New!

I've been working on a redesign for my website and I am really excited to roll it out before the holidays. Life has been a touch upside down lately, so I allowed myself some grace and set my release date for November 1st. Keep an eye out for the announcement!

Thank you for reading and for your incredible support!

I hope you find some inspiration this month.

Warmly,

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