Flower of Life

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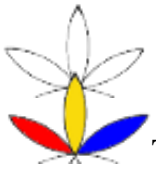
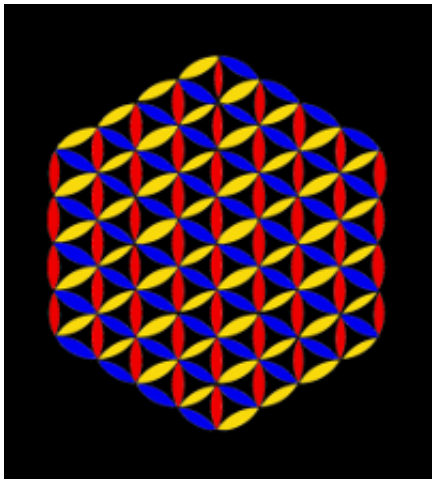
In 2013, I fell in love with the drawing which is commonly called "flower of life". I find this name extremely dumb but the drawing itself is mesmerizing. It comes from Egypt, specifically from the temple of Osiris at Abydos. I spent a whole year drawing it and coloring it in any possible way. One can make many quite crazy combinations. I made lots of complicated coloring.

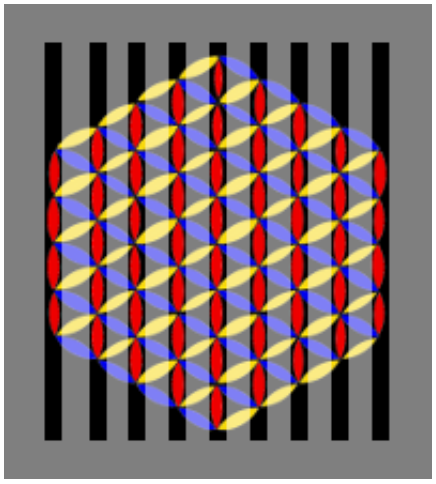

Then recently I wondered what would happen if I put it in matenco. The aim was to color the drawing, so that 2 adjacent petals were never bearing the same primary color. Adjacent petals are side by side, fan-shaped, with an intersection point at one of their ends. For all adjacent petals to have different colors, I have alternated blue-yellow-red counterclockwise.

This is the result. I find it super nice for several reasons.

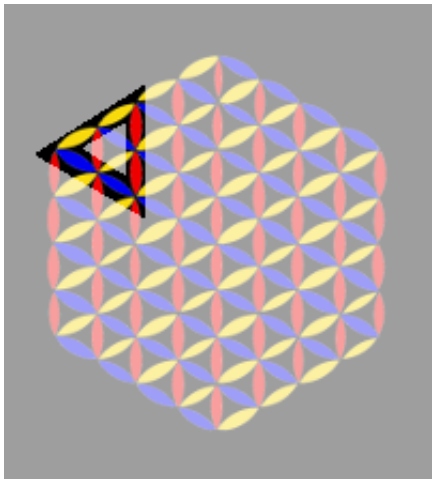


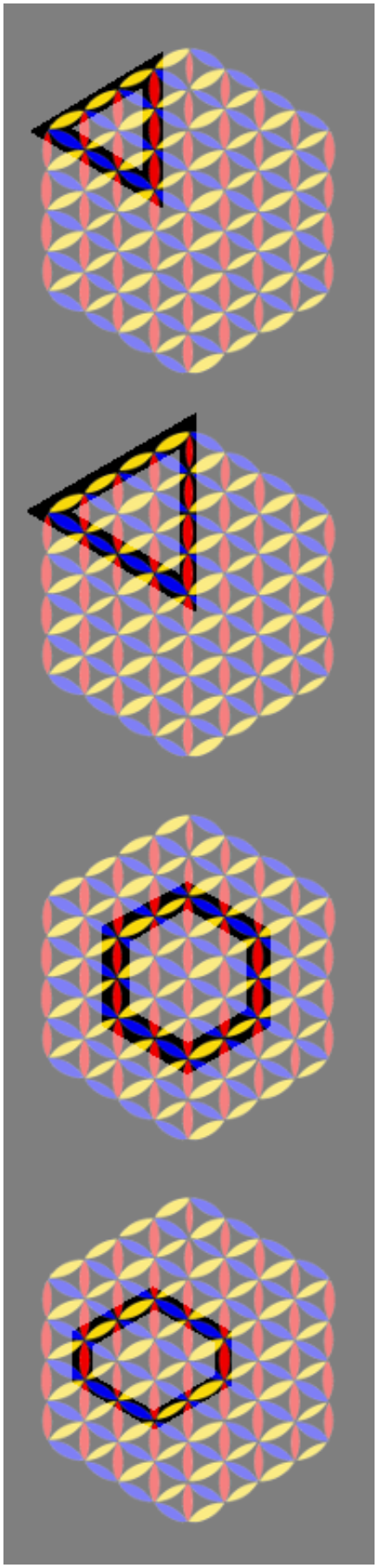
The drawing is made of 3 small basic patterns that feature the 3 primary colors.

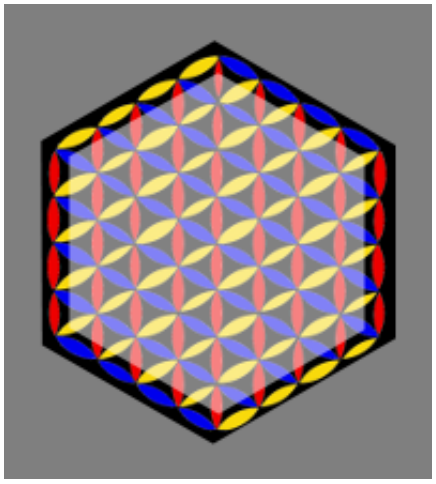
All the petals of the same color form parallel lines. For instance, if I isolate all the red petals, it is clear that they are all parallel. It's the same for the yellow and blue ones.



Whatever geometric pattern we make with the petals, there is always a blue edge, a yellow edge and a red edge. We can make triangles, hexagons ... The colors always show in the same order, clockwise or counterclockwise.

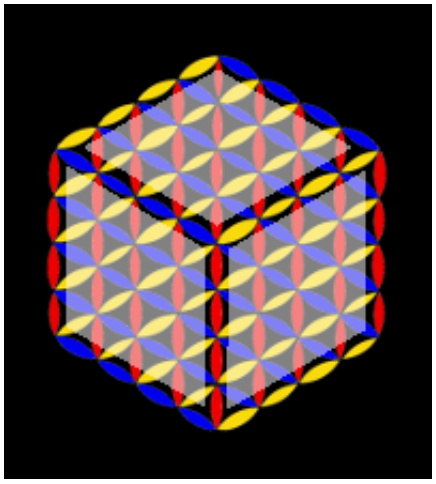


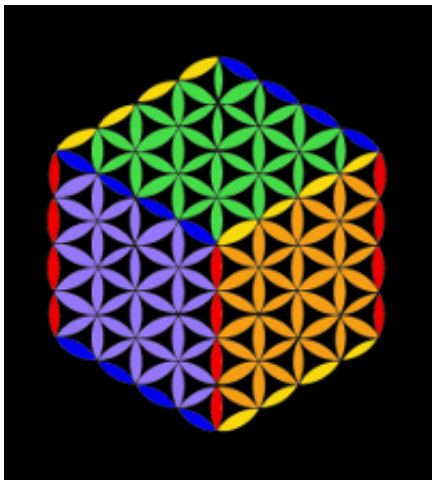


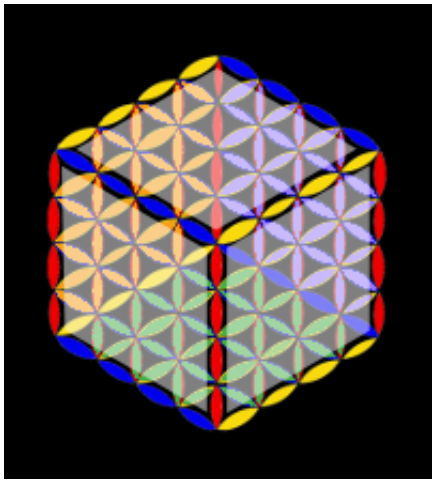


We can shape a cube with the flower of life. if I isolate the cube of this coloring then it allows me to place the secondary color because each face is bounded by 2 primary colors only. One face is surrounded by blue and yellow lines so it is green. One face is surrounded by red and blue lines so it is violet. One of the faces is surrounded by yellow and red lines so it is orange.

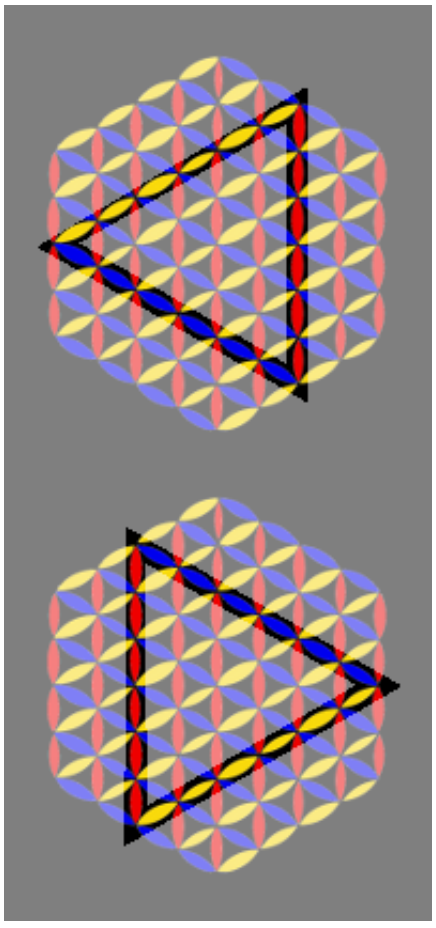
If the cube is hollow then we can see its inner faces. The faces of secondary color are parallel 2 by 2

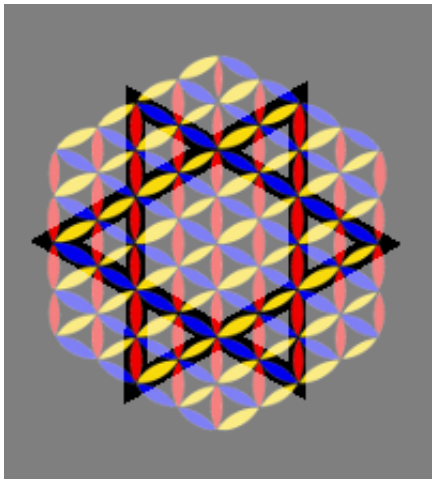




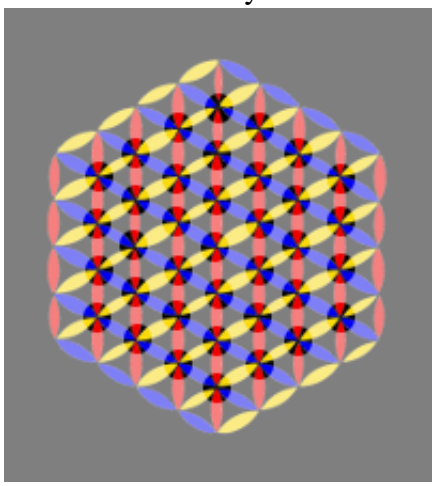


The most beautiful combination is the star. As we can make any geometric pattern then we can make stars of varying size. The biggest one that we can do allows to compose a nice 6-pointed star. In addition, the parallel lines of the star have the same color. In other words, the 2 yellow lines are parallel, the 2 blue lines are parallel, the 2 red lines are parallel.





When I count the total number of nested circles, I find 37. We thus have 37 centers intersecting 37 flowers enclosed by 37 circles. This reminds me of the 3 basic principles that give rise to 7 principles.



In short, I love this drawing. I would like to find a worthier name than "flower of life". I think that it looks more like a kaleidoscope. Something like **Reflection of the Law** would suit me better, because Law, with a capital L, is for me of an incomparable importance and astounding beauty.