Watercolor Kaleidoscope Designs

Important vocabulary words:

- <u>Kaleidoscope</u>- small tube containing bits of colored glass that change patterns as the tube is turned. (Patented by Sir David Brewster in 1817.)
- <u>Geometric Shapes</u>-mechanical looking, include circles, rectangles, squares, triangle, etc.

Examples:

• <u>Organic Shapes</u>- irregular and soft-edged, having quality that resembles living things.

Examples:

- Radial Balance/ Symmetry a kind of balance, which center lines or shapes spread out from a center point.
- **Opaque**-not allowing light to go through, opposite of transparent.
- <u>Transparent</u>- allowing light to pass through so that objects behind the surface can be clearly seen.
- <u>Washes</u>-a very thin coat of paint, paint has been thinned with water, the paper or board below can still be seen after a wash is applied

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Things to include in my sketches are:

- Closed lines and shapes (like a coloring book)
- Large and small designs
- Geometric and organic shapes and designs
- Optional: Try creating images from a picture wedge or your own creation... see examples!

Things not to include in my sketches are:

- Cliché images (I.e. hearts, stars, names, Mickey mouse, etc.)
- Tiny shapes
- Lines that are too close together, or to small to paint

Sketching Directions:

- Complete at least 6 different sketches illustrating your designs.
- Test the images with mirrors!
- Choose your favorite design and add colored pencil using the correct color scheme.
- Discuss designs with teacher
- You will also be graded on neatness and development of ideas. (5 pts. for each wedge sketch, 5 pts. for colored pencil)