



Wednesday Warm Ups

Warm Up-More Off-Kilter Style

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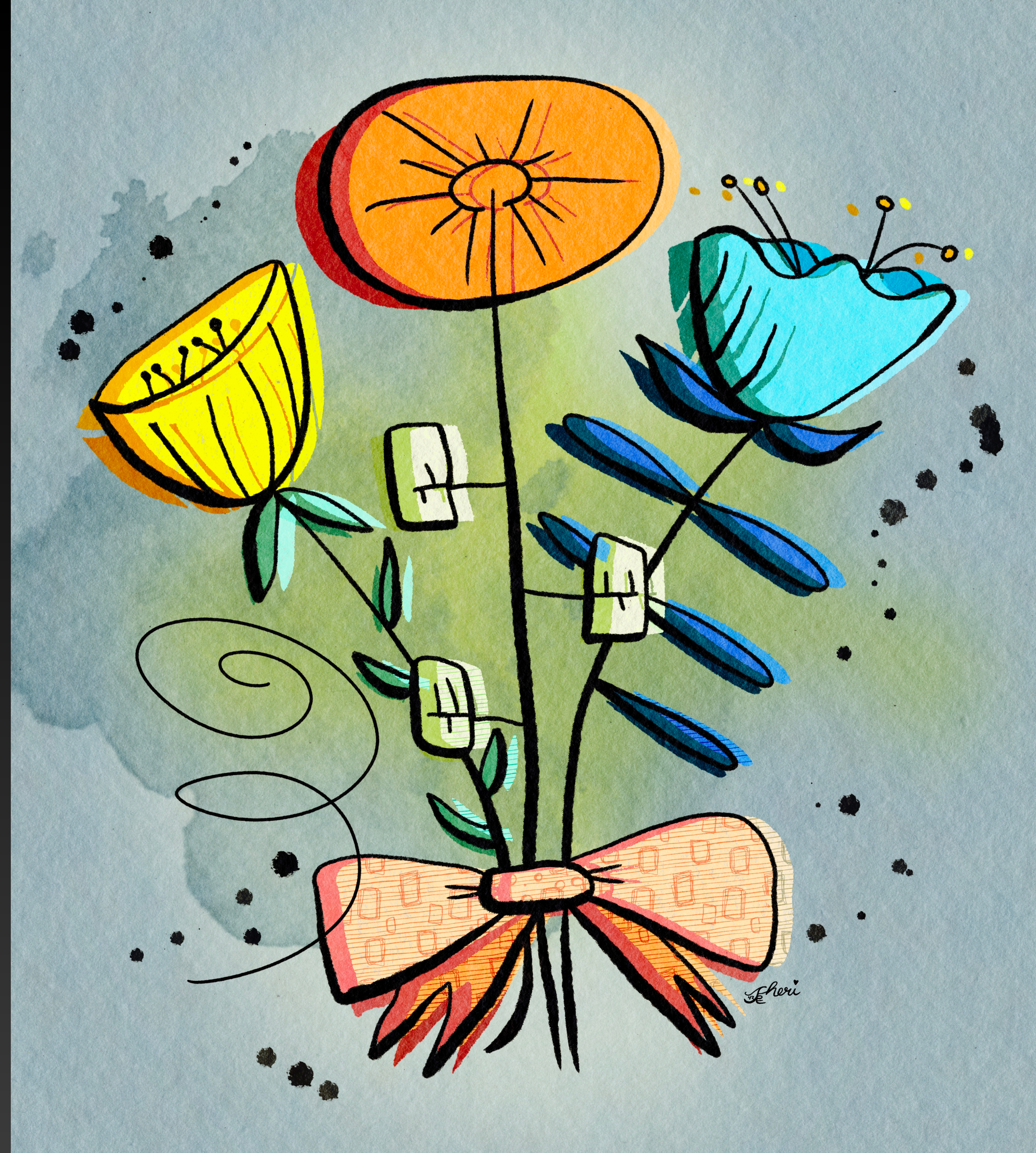
Artist Influence: Ali Sale

A style:

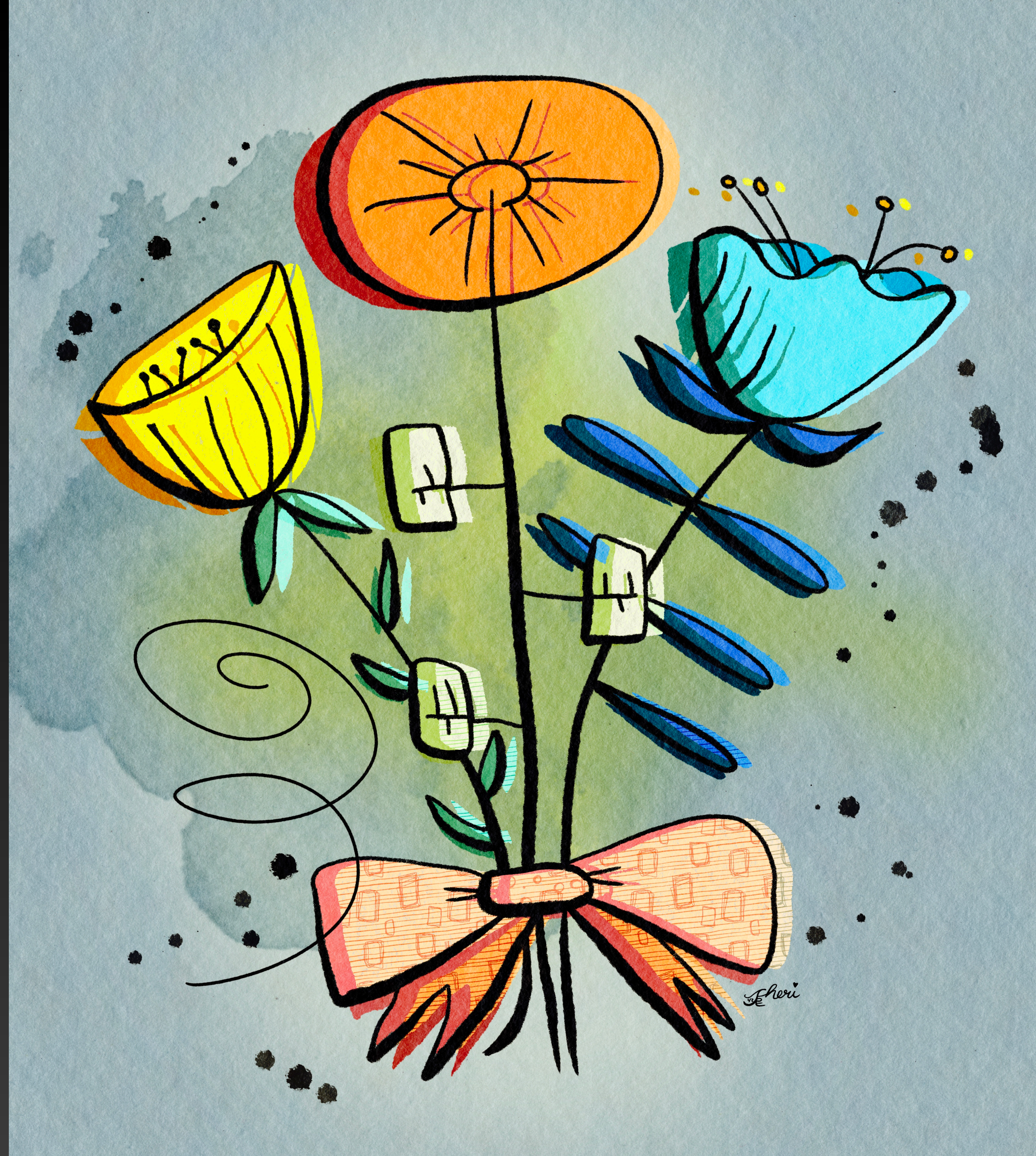
Simple design with ink outline
bounded by
background shapes

See hers here:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CQq9EVAth77/>



Set Up
Canvas:
10 in x 10 in
300 DPI



Overall Texture

Two Layers at the Top
using texture brush or papers.

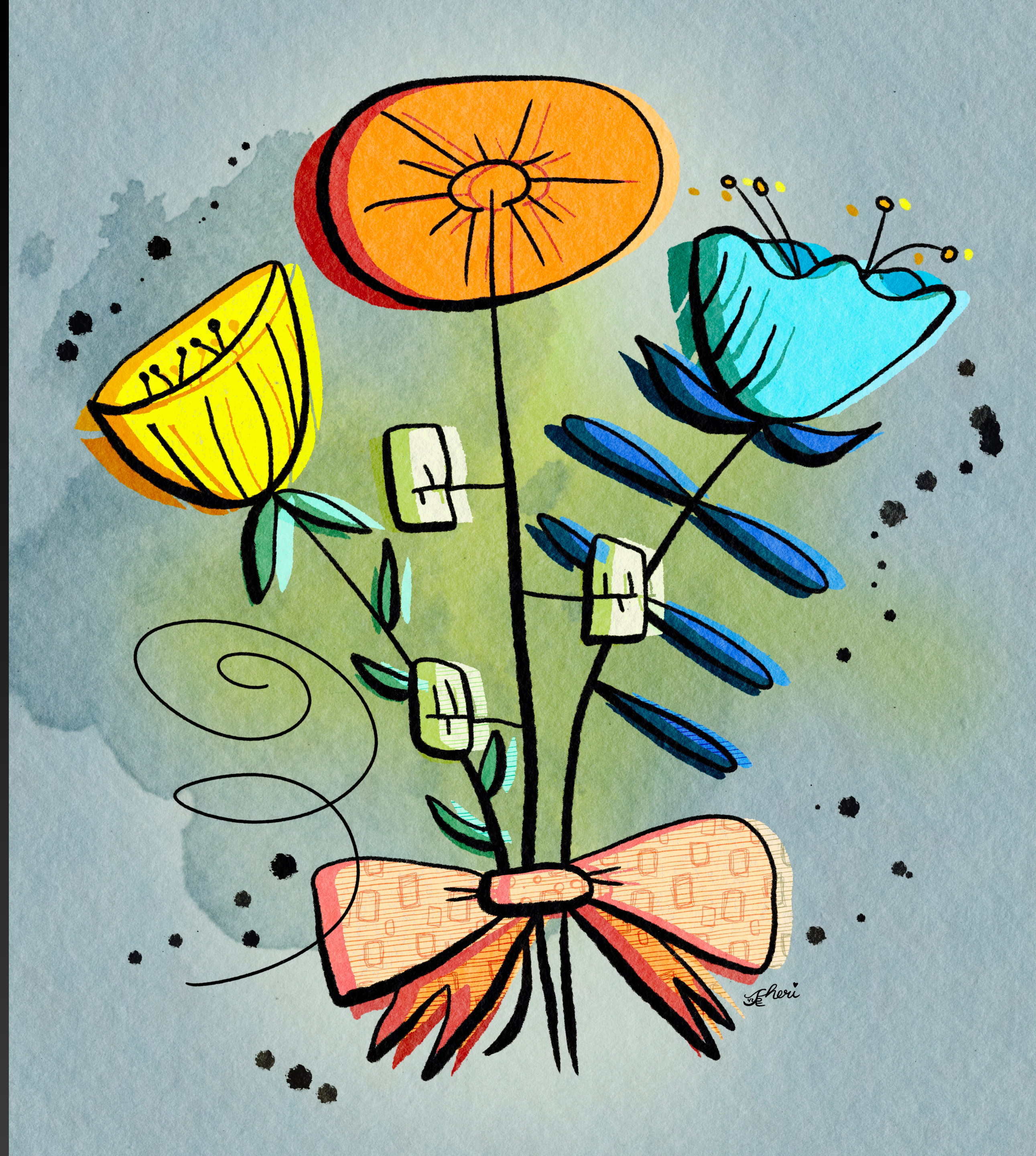
Color: Medium Gray

Top Layer: Linear Burn

Lower Layer: Color Burn

Rotated 90°

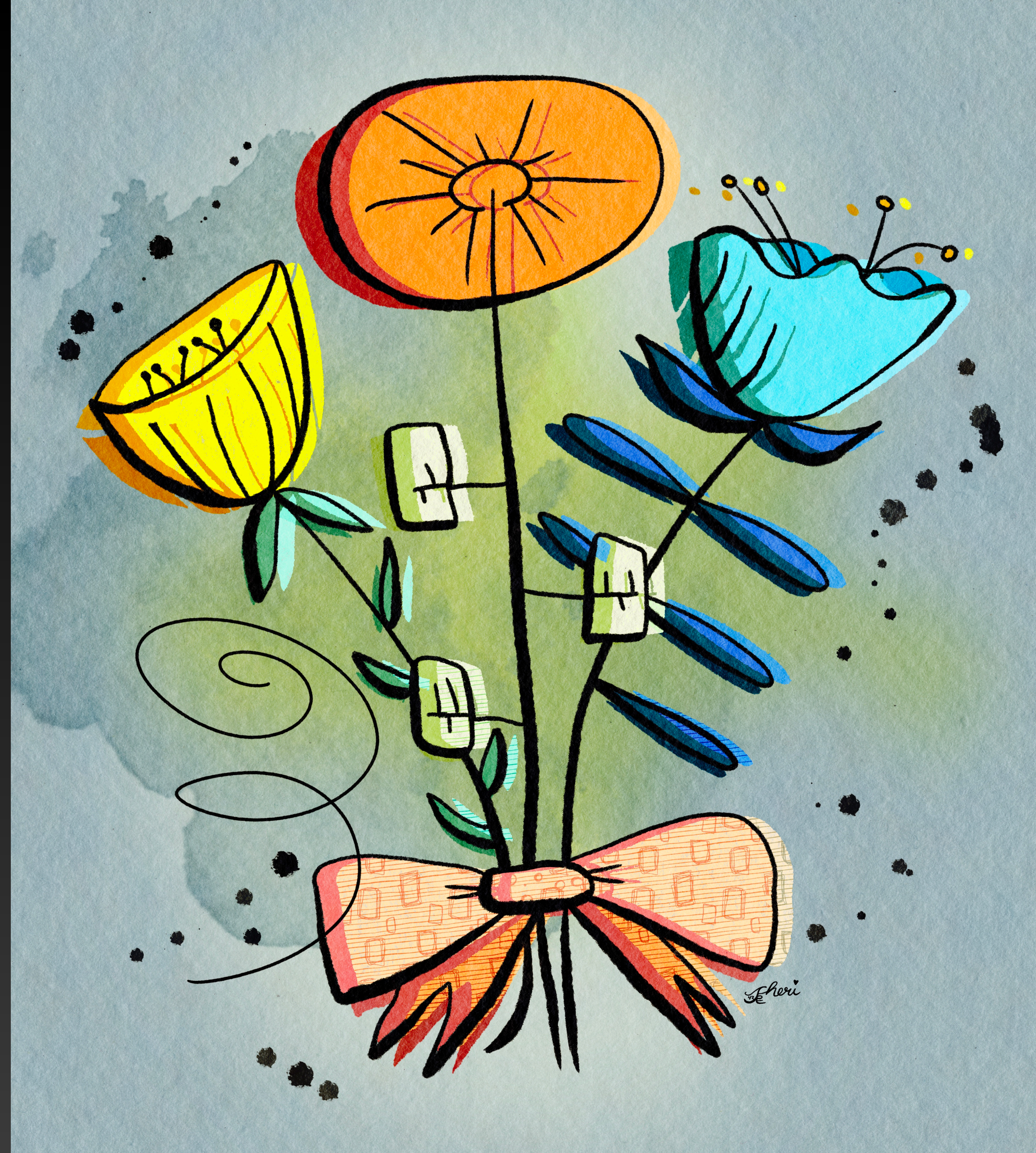
Today I'm using [Calvin of Drifter Studios](#)
St Petersburg texture layers, which I have resized.



Analysis of Design

4 main elements:

yellow floral
orange floral
blue floral
bow



Analysis of Design

Basic Steps

Draw Outline Layer [top]

Create colored floral elements

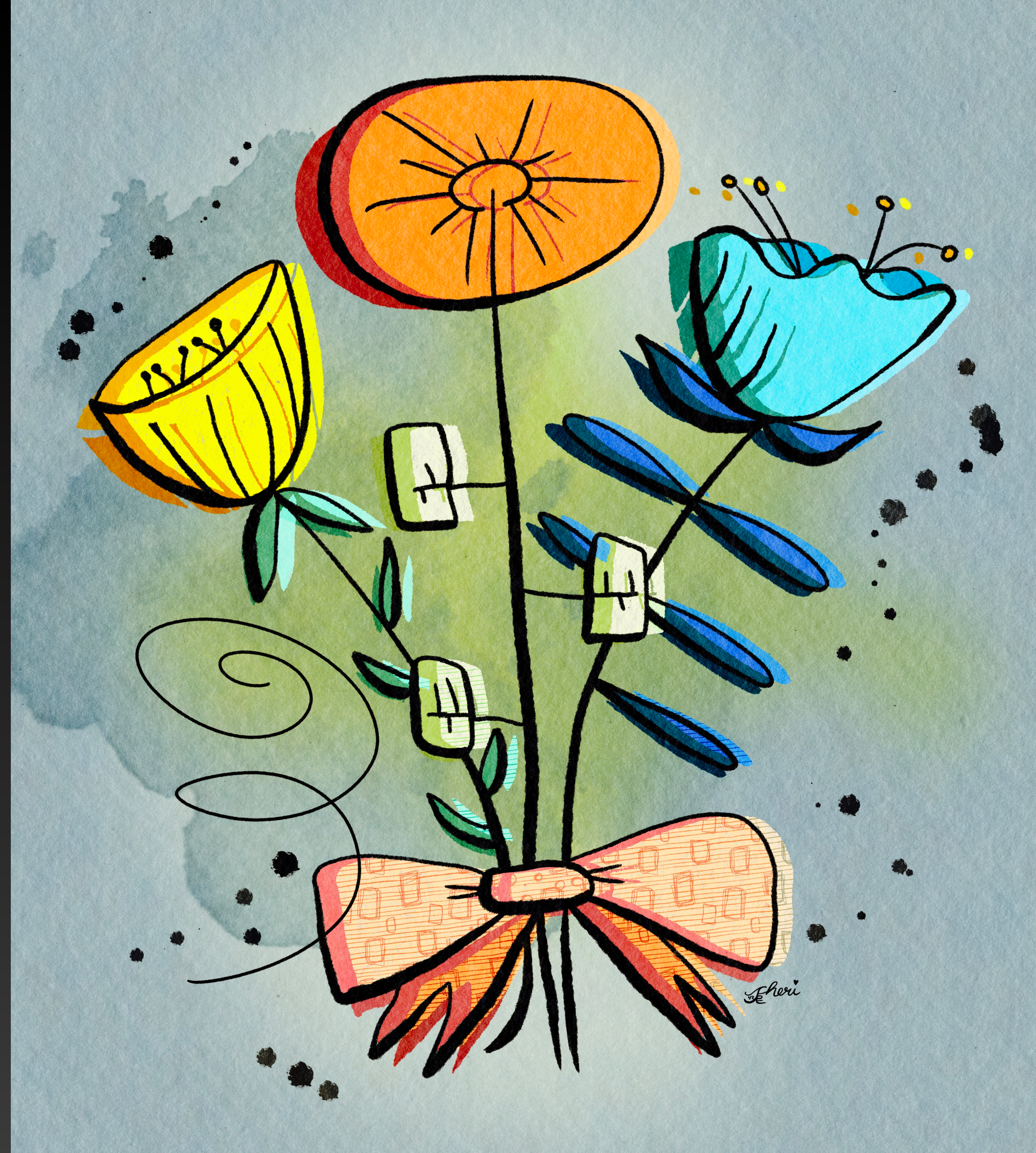
Flatten elements

Duplicate elements

Shift elements [right and left]

Add details

[design, swirl, dots, background]



Visual Overview of the Process— after creating the “outline” layer



Layers

St. Petersburg Waterc...	>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outline Dry Ink Pastel	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Swirls Dots	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pattern On Bow	M	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pattern Bow 2	Lb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Top Right Light	S	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duplicate Top	Lb	<input type="checkbox"/>
Original Colors	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lower Left Darker	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Backgrounds	>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Original Flat	>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assets	>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Create the Original Colors

Color drop each part of one element, a color on different layers.

Group the layers. Duplicate. Hide one group and “flatten” the other into one element.

Repeat for each element.

Group all the “original,” layered elements to save if you want to change. Hide it.

Group all the “flat elements,” which should be arranged as in this picture— all in place.

Duplicate the “flat elements” group. Hide the original group.

Flatten/Merge the arranged flat group onto one layer and label “Original Colors.”

Visual Overview of the Process— after creating the “outline” layer



Layers +

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	Lower Left Darker	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Backgrounds	>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Original Flat	>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Assets	>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Top Right Layer

Duplicate the “original colors” layer.

Hide the original and label the new one “Top Right Light.”

With “hue, saturation, and brightness” tool, increase the brightness slightly.

Change the blend mode to “screen,” or as desired— you’ll want to play with this later.

Move the layer slightly to the right.

Visual Overview of the Process— after creating the “outline” layer



Layers

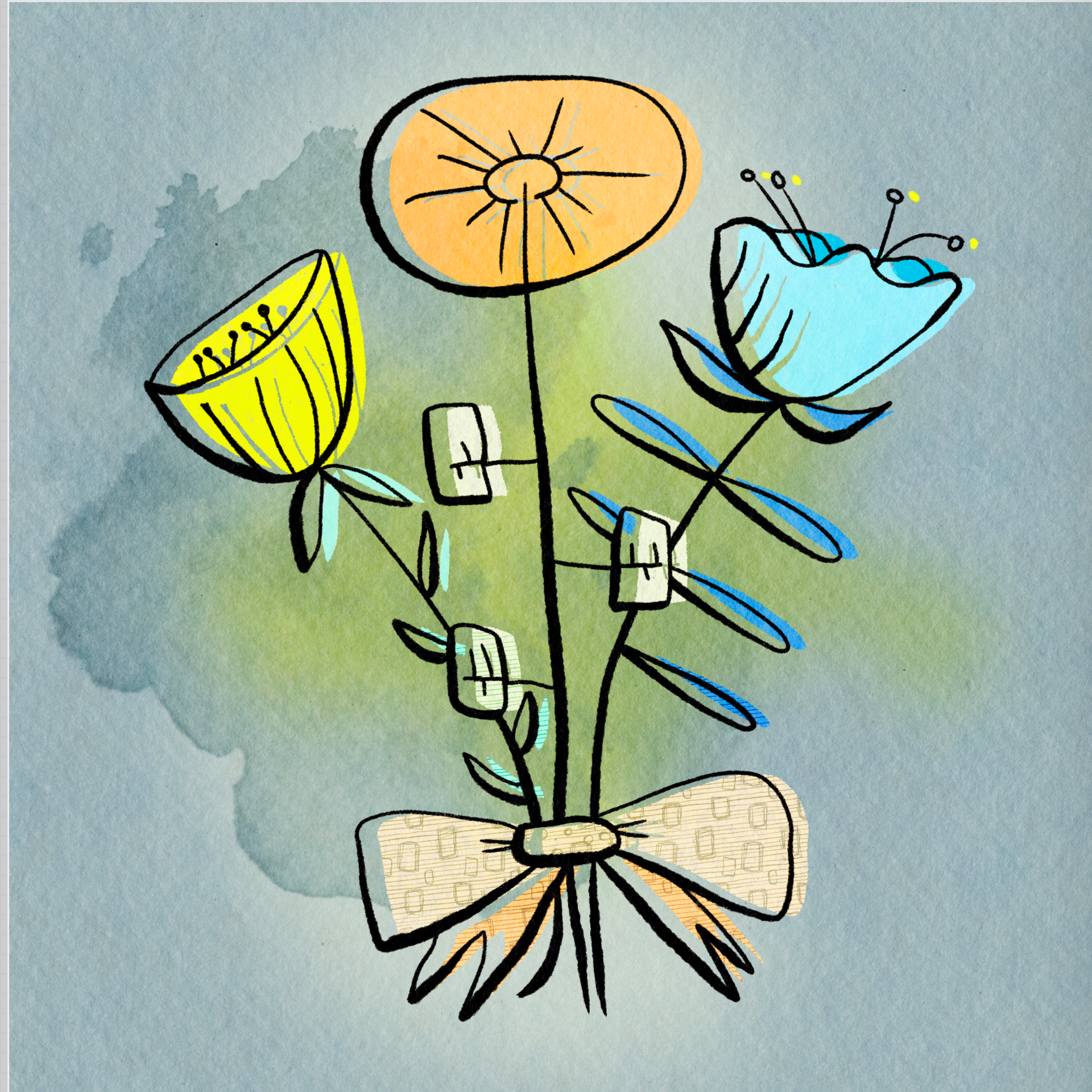
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	Duplicate Top Right	Lb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Original Colors	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Backgrounds	>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Original Flat	>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Assets	>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Second Top Right Layer

For this flower, I thought I needed a bit of background for the “screen” layer, so I duplicated the screen layer and moved it below the screen layer. I changed the mode to “linear burn.”

Note: This layer is directly under the screen layer— not off kilter.

Visual Overview of the Process— after creating the “outline” layer



Layers		Delete	Group
	St. Petersburg Waterc...	>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Swirls Dots	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pattern On Bow	M	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Pattern Bow 2	Lb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Top Right Light	S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Duplicate Top Right	Lb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	ORiginal Colors	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lower Left Darker	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Backgrounds	>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Original Flat	>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Assets	>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Top Layers

Here's what the top two floral layers look like when unhidden at their new modes.

The linear burn added just enough color to brighten the “screened” layer with color.

Visual Overview of the Process— after creating the “outline” layer



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Lower Left Layer

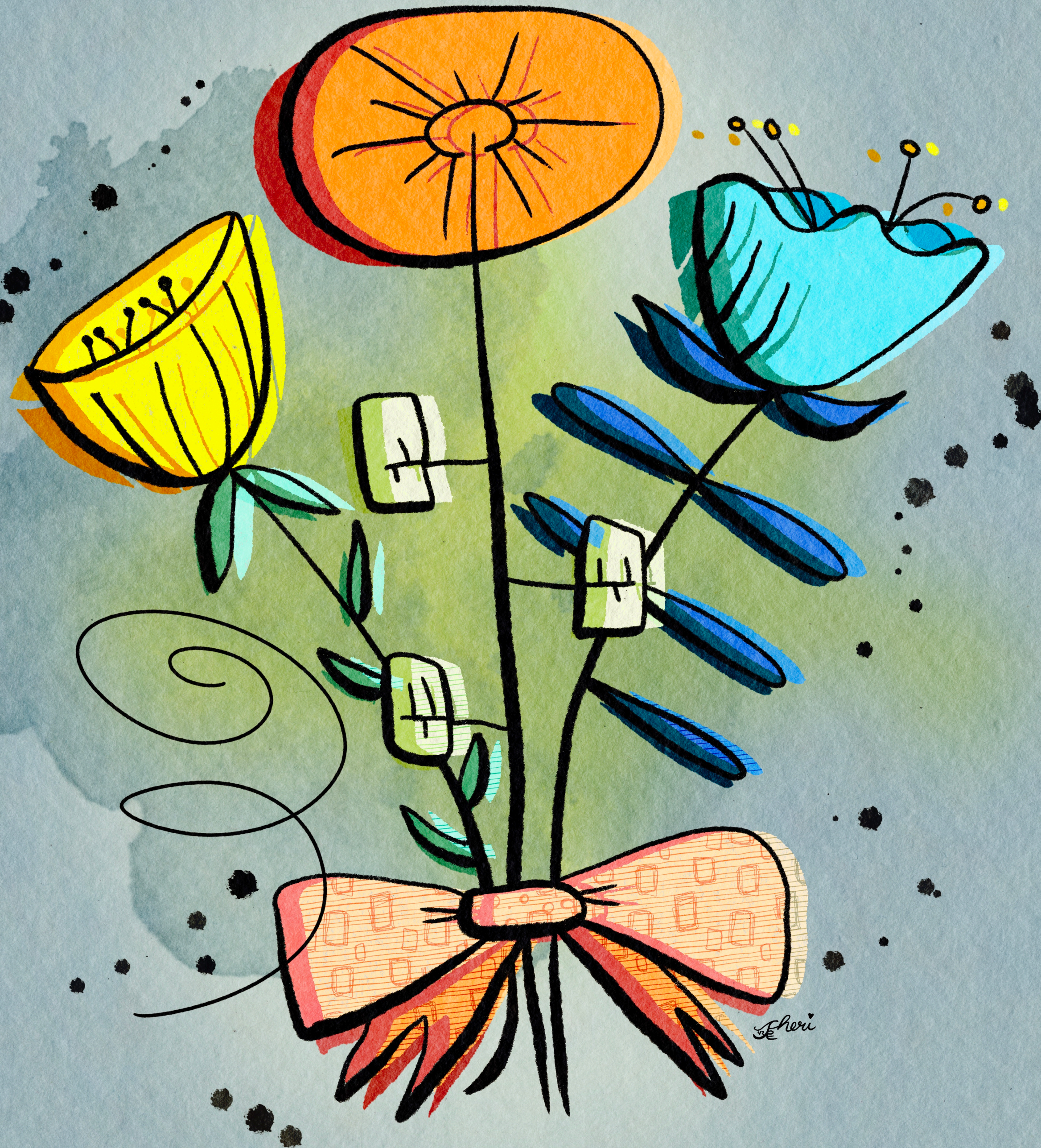
Hide the other floral elements just created.

Duplicate the “original colors” layer. Hide the original layer again.

With the “hue, saturation, and brightness” tool, darken the duplicated layer.

Move it to the left just slightly.

Use freeform, distort, or warp tools as needed to so it “fits” a bit into the original layer at the bottom of the element.



Unhide all the layers.

Enjoy the look.

Play with blend modes of each layer to get the effect you want for your illustration.



Layers

Outline Dry Ink Pastel	N
Assets	∨
New group	∨
Layer 19	N
Layer 18	N
Layer 17	N
New group	∨
Layer 14	N
Layer 8	N
New group	∨
Layer 11	N
Layer 10	N
Layer 9	N
Layer 22	N
Background color	

Review / Details

- At top is the black outline. Make this a reference layer to drop in your color choices.
- Fill each area floral element with color, each color on a different layer. You see 4 groups— I call these elements “assets” which I’ll duplicate to save for any changes.
- Group each element. Group together all the elements into one group called “assets.”
- Duplicate the asset group. Label and hide the original. Flatten each of the four elements in the duplicated group: 3 florals and 1 bow.
- Group the flattened images. Duplicate and hide one group. Flatten the duplicated group.— see next slide.



Layers +

Outline Dry Ink Pastel N

Layer 32
Layer 31
Layer 30
Layer 29

Backgrounds >

Layer 22
Layer 17
Layer 8
Layer 9

Original Flat >

New group >
New group >
New group >
Layer 22

Assets >

Background color

Next

For the black outline—undo as “reference.”

NOTICE:

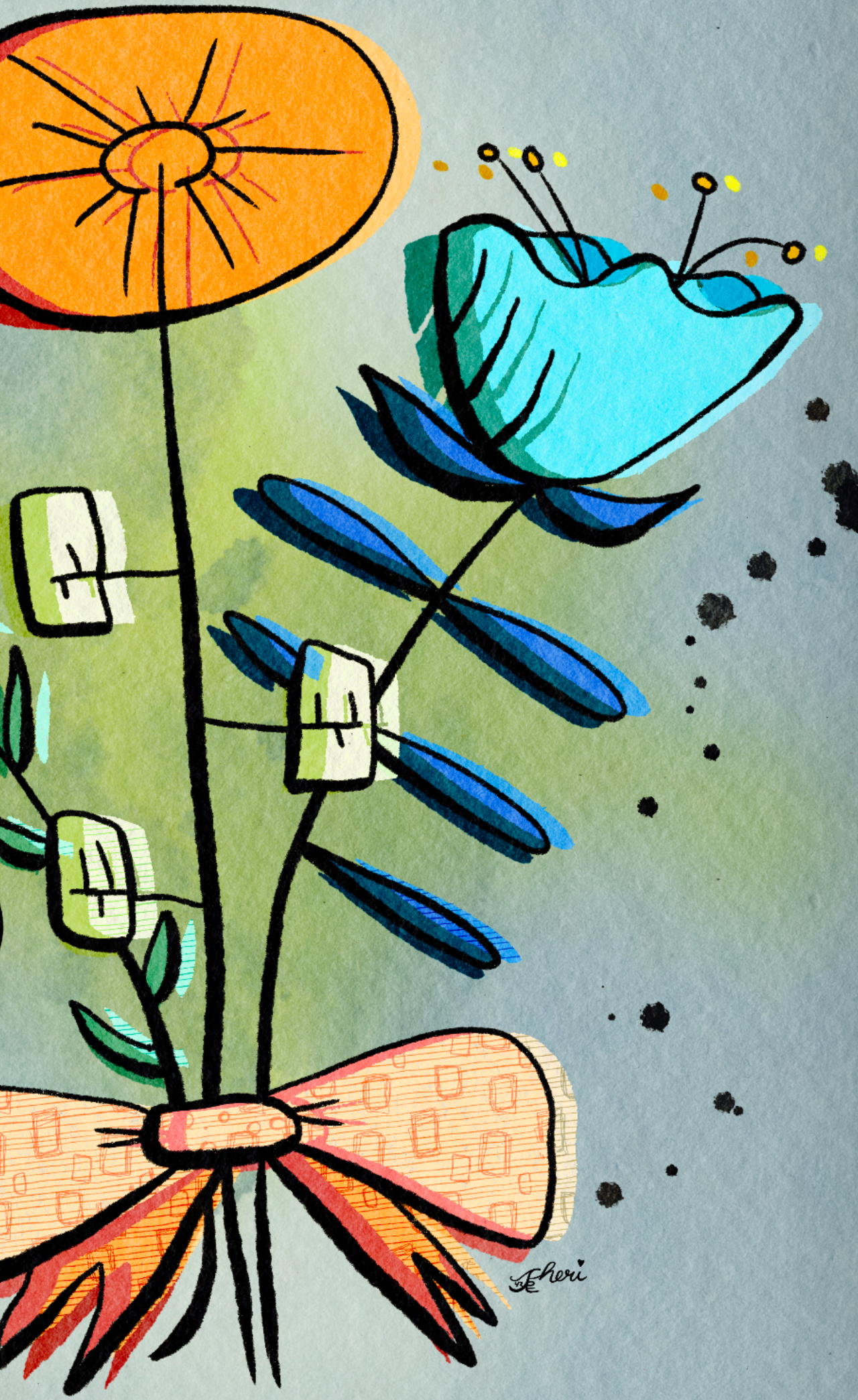


Start your background group— a solid color.

Original Flattened elements

Original assets group

Off-Kilter Process Review



Layers +

- Outline Dry Ink Pastel N
- Top Right Light S
- Duplicate Top Lb
- Original Colors N
- Lower Left Darker N
- Backgrounds >
- Original Flat >
- Assets >
- Background color

Merge the duplicated "flattened" group to have one layer with all four elements— label "original colors."

Duplicate the "original colors" layer. Choose "Hue, Saturation, Brightness, to lighten.

May need to change hue. Move slightly to right. I created a duplicated layer here to change effect of modes.

Duplicate the "original colors" layer. Choose "Hue, Saturation, Brightness, to darken.

May need to change hue. Move slightly to left. I also use distort and warp to adjust and align each part of the floral better.

Original Flattened Design of all 4 "assets"



Layers

- Outline Dry Ink Pastel N
- Swirls Dots N
- Pattern On Bow M
- Pattern Bow 2 Lb**
- Top Right Light S
- Backgrounds >
- Original Flat >
- Assets >
- Background color

Finish

3 — Add any swirls, dots for interest and action.

1 — Add any textures or patterns to elements with clipping masks.

2 — Finish your background layer with splashes or shapes to highlight the main elements.

Original Flattened elements, hidden

Original assets group, hidden

BRUSHES AND DETAILS

Brushes are listed with the name of the brush followed by the name of its category in brackets

Design on the “Start” Illustration

Dry Ink [Inking]— outline

Fill— color drop using outline as reference layer; each color in its own layer

Background [lowest layers]

Fill bottom layer with a color

Above that in white, swoosh a “cloud” brush or a paint splatter.

Shading

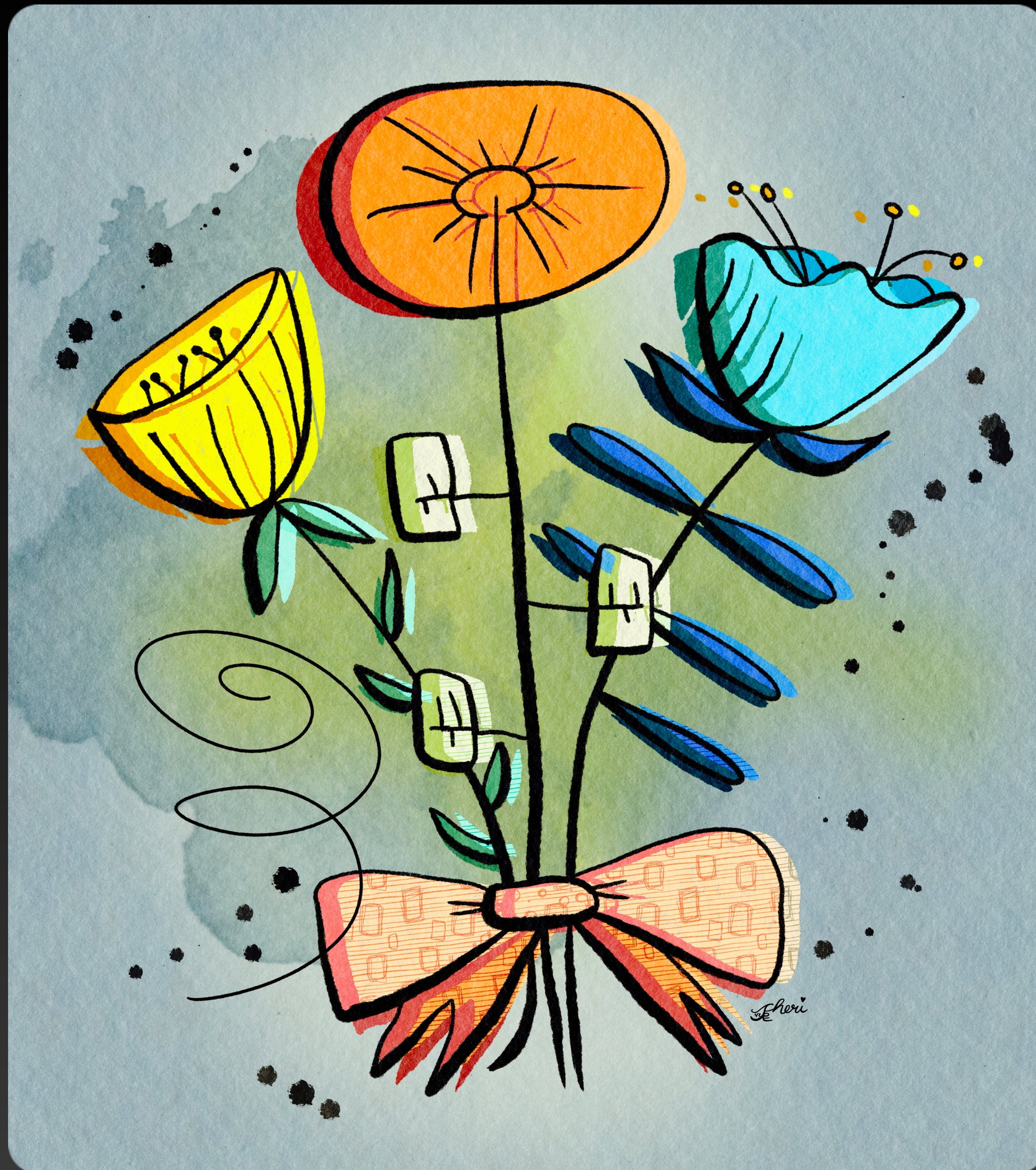
Shading occurs naturally as you change the blend modes of the layers.

Patterns

Use whatever pattern brushes you have.

I used ones from Brenda Bakker’s Stylized Girls class:

<https://www.skillshare.com/classes/How-to-create-Sweet-and-Stylized-Girls-using-Procreate/1383573407/projects>



Thank You

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Off Kilter Florals Part 2

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