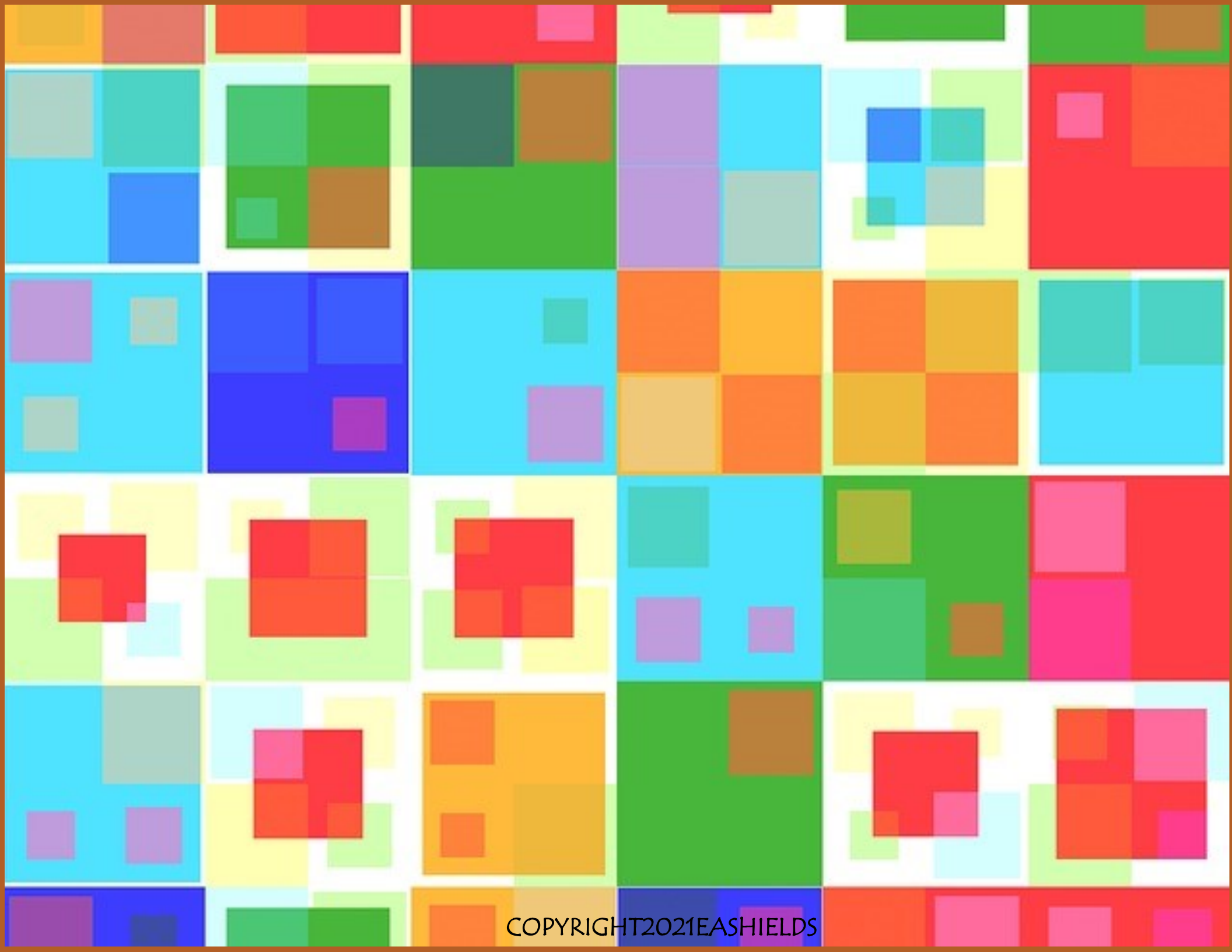




FEETSPEAK'S

**STORY
QUILT:**

Themes & Threads



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INTRODUCTION

The Theme of a story is the main message you, as the reader, learn about the main character. It is the writer's thoughts and views s/he wants to share about the world and/or human nature.

It is NOT the story's Main Idea, the plot, or the conflict.

A story can have several Themes that are interwoven with Threads affecting its other characters, a variety of conflicts, problems, and their solutions.

How the main character in FEETSPEAK ~ Cinnamon~ faces her challenges throughout the story is its PRIMARY theme:

- What are her actions during a variety of situations?
 - How does Cinnamon communicate?
- What specific things are associated with Cinnamon?
- What are some facts about her, such as her physical appearance?
 - What do other characters say about Cinnamon?
 - How do they react to her?
- Does Cinnamon change in the story? How? Why?

FEETSPEAK'S story contains several Themes interwoven with many different Threads, such as family, friendship, Nature, compassion, and perseverance.

CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS: cardstock, printing paper, heavy tape and/or stapler, scissors (plain or decorative), rubber bands or clips, post-its, pencil, glue stick, poster board, colored & decorative papers, hole punch, yarns/ribbons/string

SEQUENCE: Copy on cardstock: Storage Pocket, Vocabulary & their Synonym Cards, Story Quilt Square Templates, and the Story Quilt Square Diagram.

Fold & crease Storage Pocket. Tape and/or staple the open, parallel sides together, forming the pocket.

Cut out & group together with rubber bands or clips: the Vocabulary Words, their Synonyms, and the Quilt Square Template pieces. Cut out the Diagram with its arrows, folding the arrows to the image. Place everything in the Pocket.

If you decide to use some or all of the Story Quilt Square Samples, copy them on printing paper. Cut them out, using straight-edged or decorative-edged scissors. Then, clip them together and place them in the Storage Pocket until you're ready to use them for your Story Quilt.

Use the Templates to trace & cut out the pieces you will need for labeling the Squares and writing your text-support sentences.

ACTIVITY PLAN

Play the Match Game with the Themes & Threads Vocabulary/Synonyms to help you decide what kind of Quilt you want to make.

Use the post-its to mark where in the story you locate the text-support for your Theme/Thread Quilt Squares. Be sure to label them with the correct Theme and/or Thread idea.

There are several ways you can create your FEETSPEAK Story Quilt:

Construction

- Glue completed paper Squares to a piece of poster board.
- Double-side the poster board for several Themes and/or Threads.
- Print Squares on cardstock, hole-punch & use yarn to make the quilt.
 - Double-side the Squares for multiple Theme/Threads.
 - Use paper Squares to glue onto cut-out cardstock squares.

Themes & Threads

- Choose a Theme with Squares that support it.
- Use similar colors/ patterns to express a Theme/Thread.
- Make a Quilt about one character or one action sequence or setting.
 - Select colors/patterns to reflect the mood or idea of the Square.
- Create several "mini" quilts (9 squares) & bind them together as a book.

HOW TO PLAY

Lay some or all of the Vocabulary Cards in a row or column on a flat surface.

Place the Synonym Cards away from them.

Match the Vocabulary & Synonym Cards you know right away. Put them aside.

Re-arrange the remaining cards and try to match them with their Synonyms.

Check your responses with the Answer Sheet.

Write some new Theme/Thread words & synonyms on the BLANK Cards.

PS. Did you discover a pattern?

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Storage Pocket

QUILT
STORY

STORY THEMES & THREADS VOCABULARY



imagination



friendship



resourceful



respect



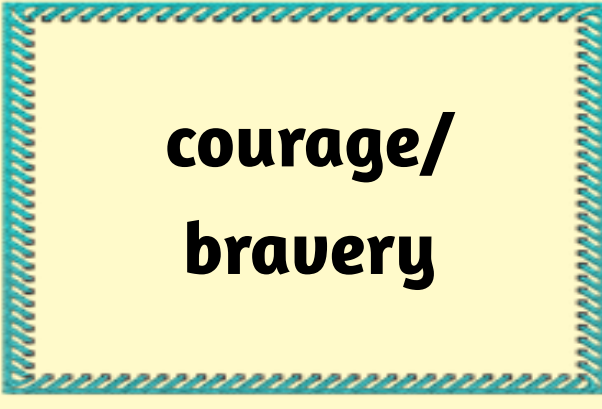
family




responsible



love



**courage/
bravery**



**hard
working**

STORY THEMES & THREADS VOCABULARY



loss



hope



perseverance



loyalty



nature



cooperation



sympathy



acceptance



compassion

STORY THEMES & THREADS VOCABULARY WORDS



challenging



honesty



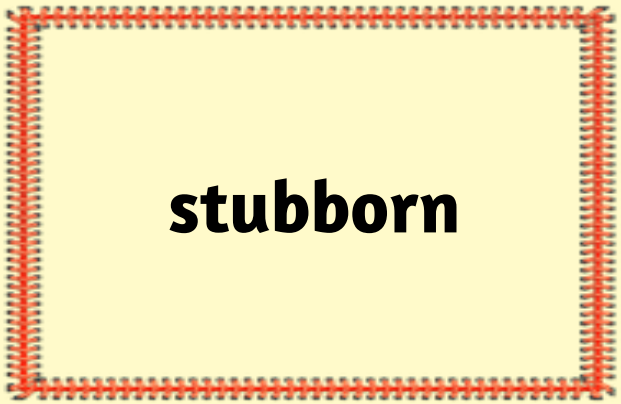
kindness



**holidays &
celebrations**



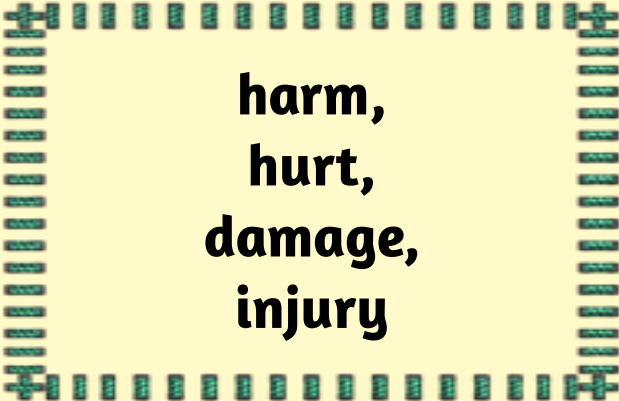
**cultures &
traditions**



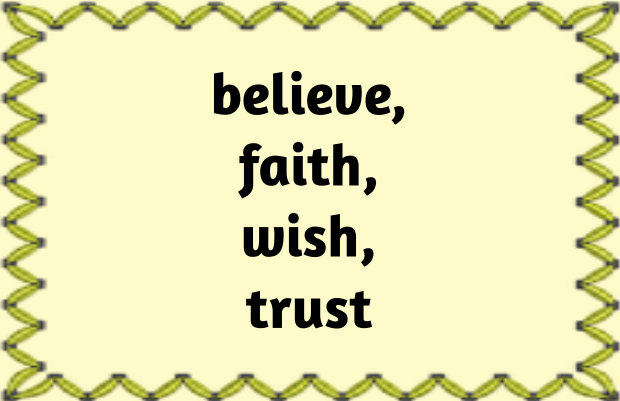
stubborn



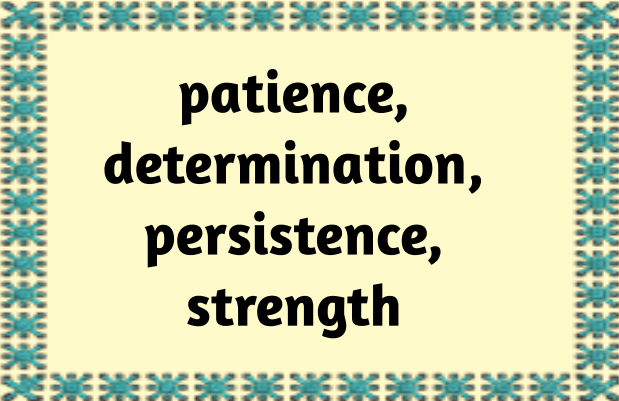
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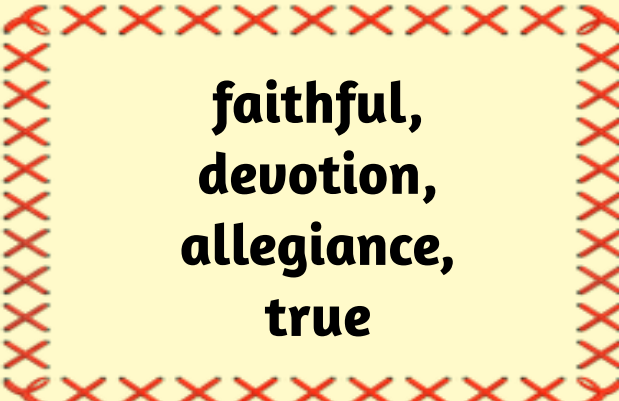
**harm,
hurt,
damage,
injury**




**believe,
faith,
wish,
trust**



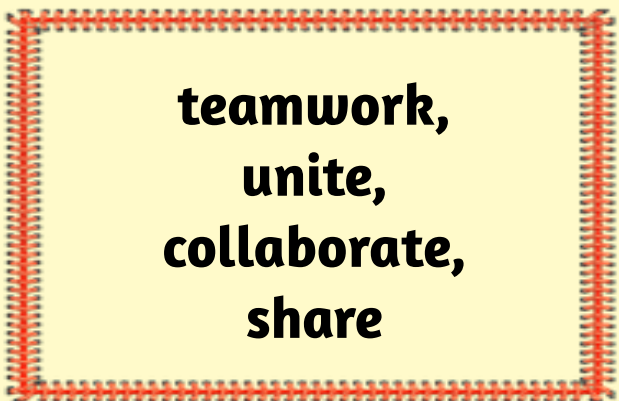
**patience,
determination,
persistence,
strength**



**faithful,
devotion,
allegiance,
true**




**environment,
outdoors,
earth,
ecosystems**




**teamwork,
unite,
collaborate,
share**



**concern,
pity
consideration,
compassion**




**approval,
favor,
support,
encourage**



**sharing,
kindness,
understanding,
tenderness**

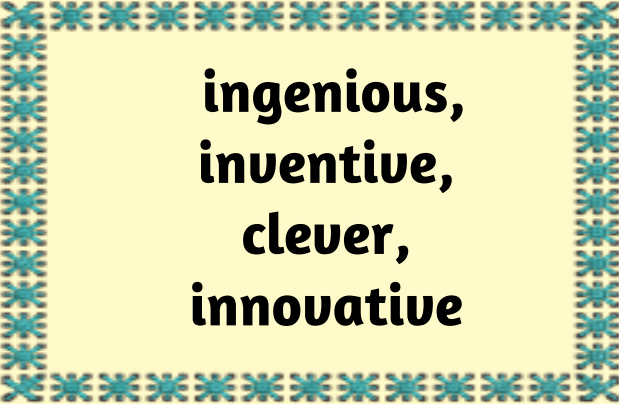
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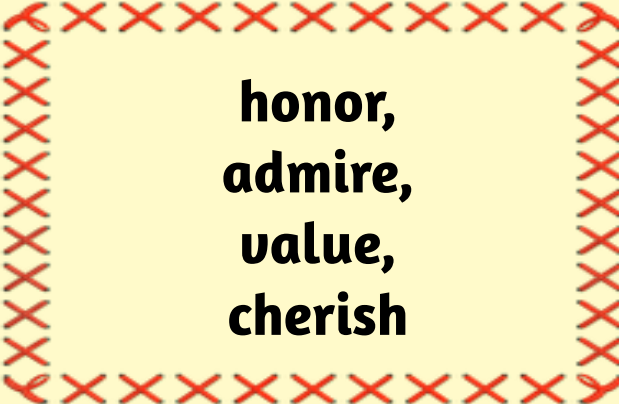
**creativity,
inspiration,
make-believe,
originality**




**attachment,
love,
companionship,
warmth**



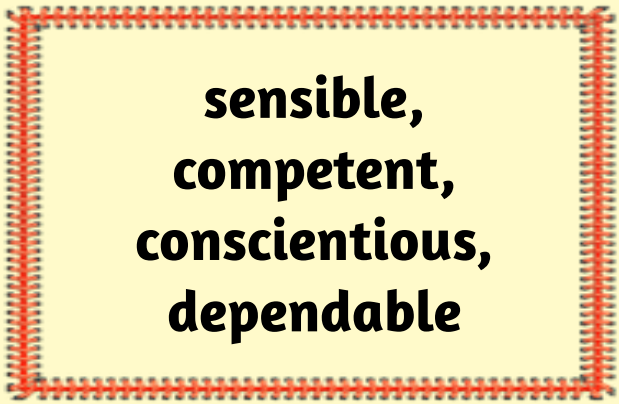
**ingenious,
inventive,
clever,
innovative**



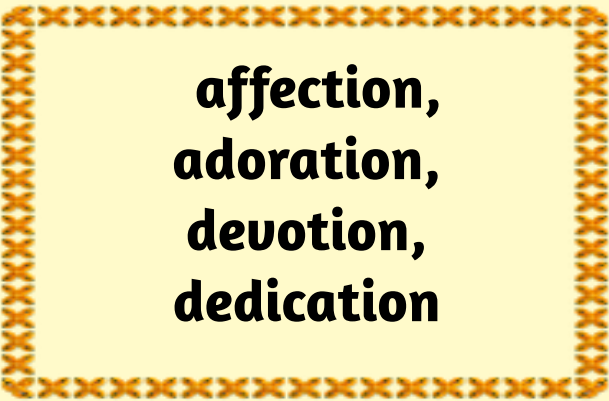
**honor,
admire,
value,
cherish**



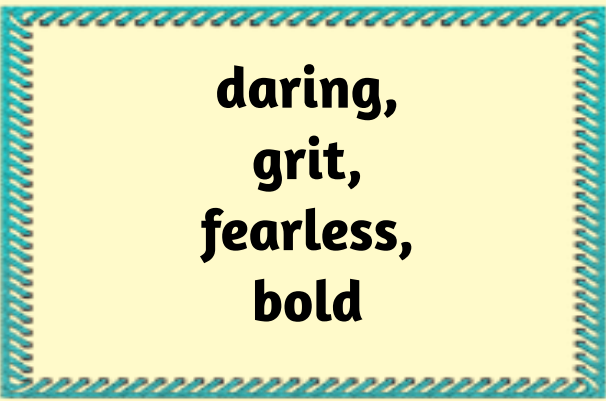
**ancestors,
kin,
relatives,
clan**



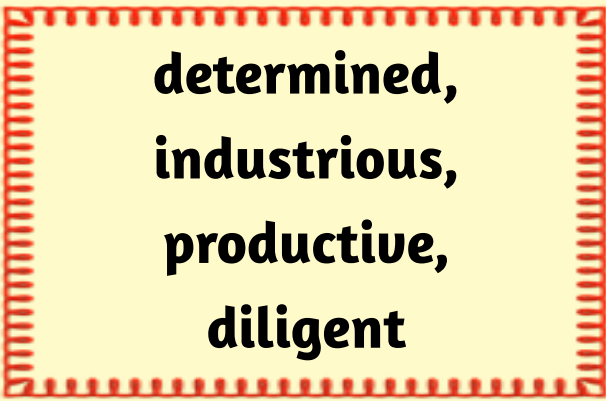
**sensible,
competent,
conscientious,
dependable**



**affection,
adoration,
devotion,
dedication**

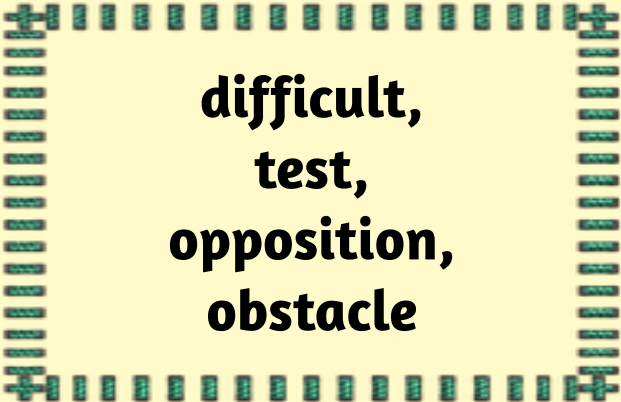


**daring,
grit,
fearless,
bold**

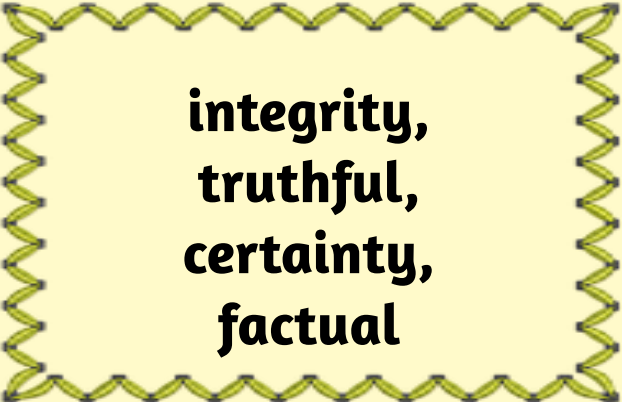


**determined,
industrious,
productive,
diligent**

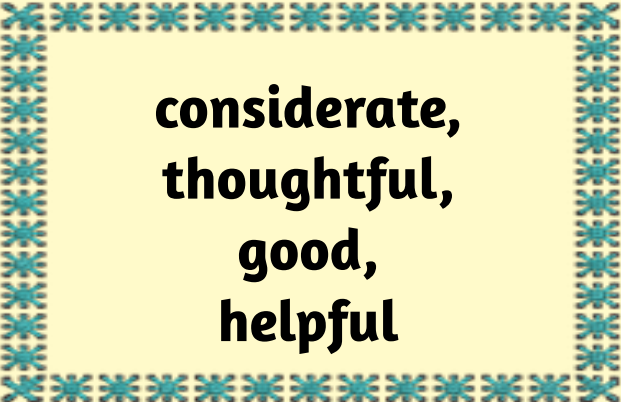
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**difficult,
test,
opposition,
obstacle**



**integrity,
truthful,
certainty,
factual**



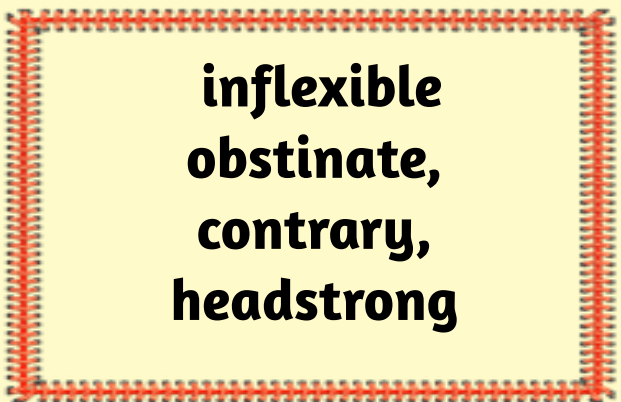
**considerate,
thoughtful,
good,
helpful**



**festivities,
special events,
parties,
occasions**



**rituals,
ceremonies,
customs,
heritage**



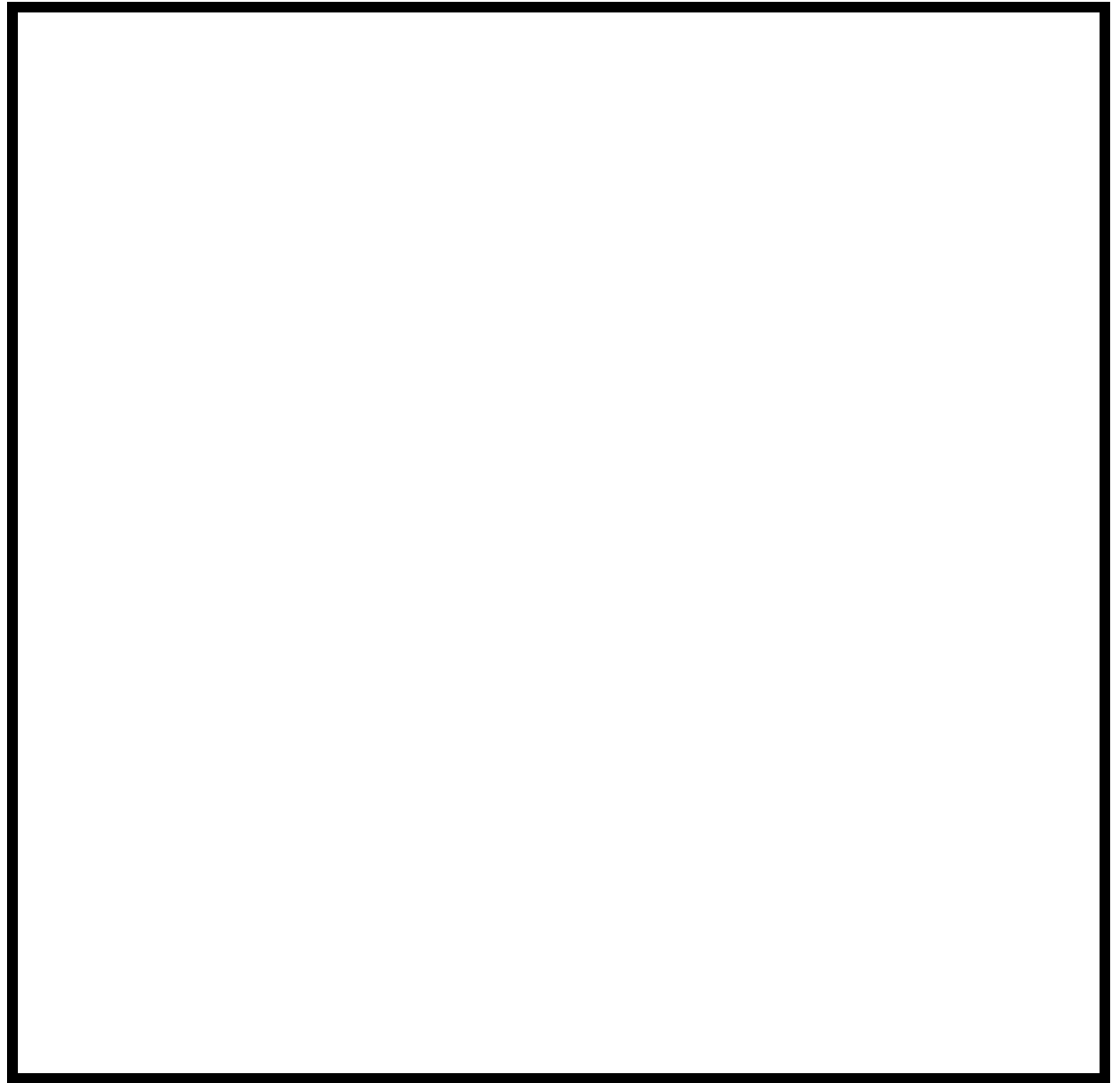
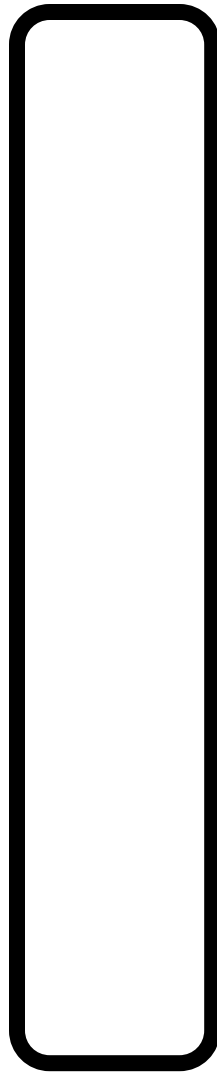
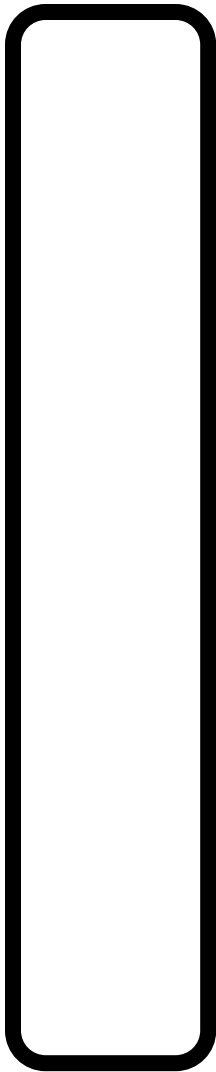
**inflexible
obstinate,
contrary,
headstrong**



STORY THEMES & THREADS VOCABULARY Answer Sheet

imagination ~ creativity, inspiration, make-believe, originality
friendship ~ attachment, love, companionship, warmth
resourceful ~ ingenious, inventive, clever, innovative
respect ~ honor, admire, value, cherish
family ~ ancestors, kin, relatives, clan
responsible ~ sensible, competent, conscientious, dependable
love ~ affection, adoration, devotion, dedication
courage/bravery ~ daring, grit, fearless, bold
hard working ~ determined, industrious, productive, diligent
loss ~ harm, hurt, damage, injury
hope ~ believe, faith, wish, trust
perseverance ~ patience, determination, persistence, strength
loyalty ~ faithful, devotion, allegiance, true
nature ~ environment, outdoors, earth, ecosystems
sympathy ~ concern, pity, consideration, compassion
cooperation ~ teamwork, unite, collaborate, share
acceptance ~ approval, favor, support, encourage
compassion ~ sharing, kindness, understanding, tenderness
challenging ~ difficult, obstacle, opposition, test
honesty ~ integrity, truthful, certainty, factual
kindness ~ considerate, good, helpful, thoughtful
holidays & celebrations ~ festivities, special events, parties, occasions
cultures & traditions ~ rituals, customs, ceremonies, heritage
stubborn ~ contrary, headstrong, obstinate, inflexible

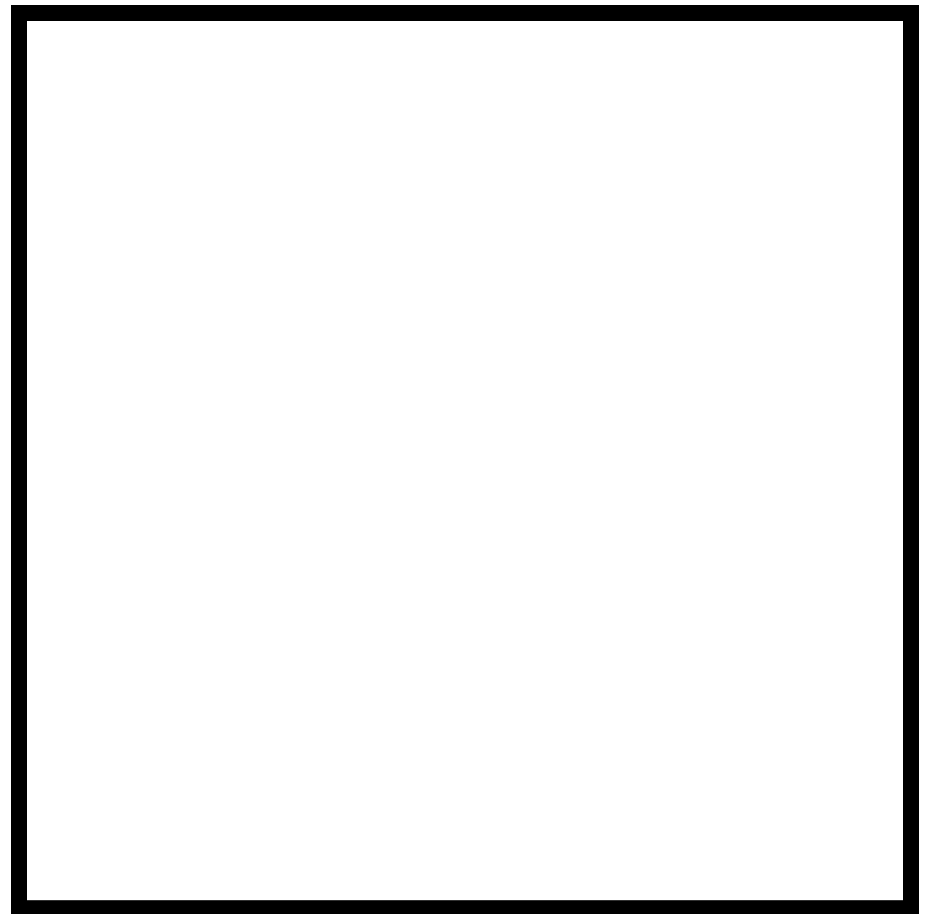
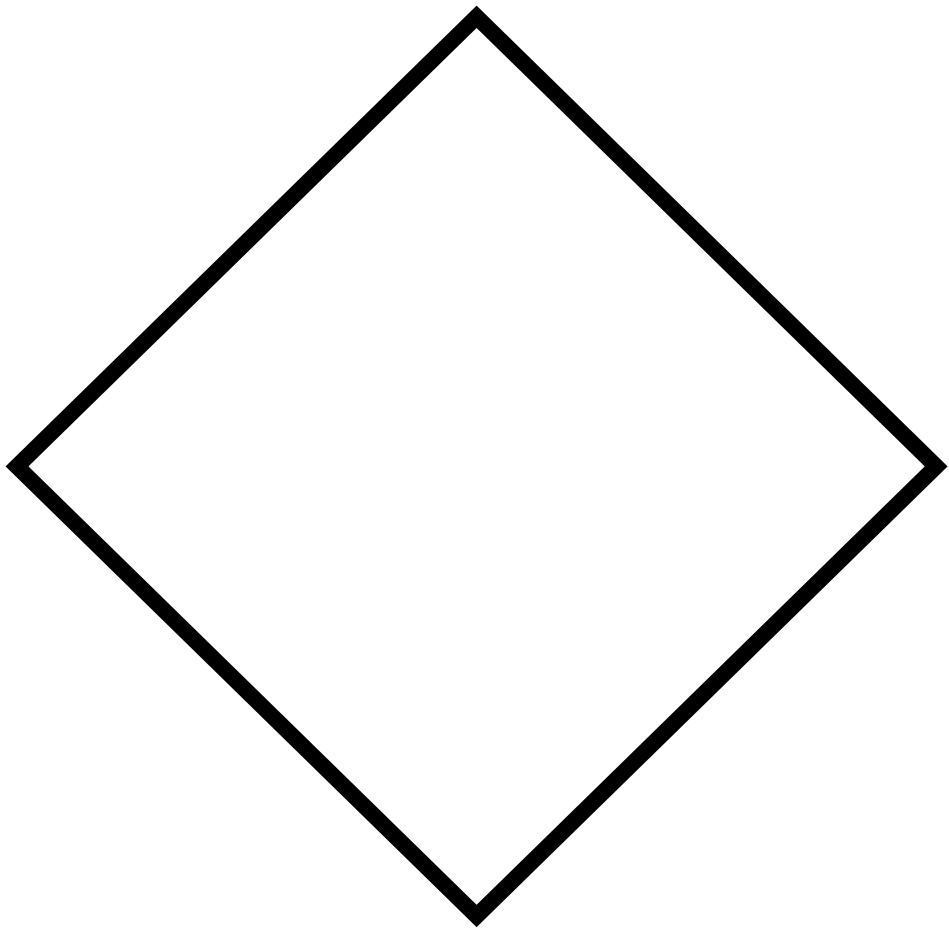
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Theme/Thread
&
Character Name
Labels

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STORY QUILT SQUARE TEMPLATES



STORY QUILT SQUARE DIAGRAM

Theme/Thread Name

FRIENDSHIP

Examples Using Text
Support

Cinnamon
and Jeanne
are friends because
they enjoy spending time
together exploring Nature at
Kippony Pond, taking ballet
lessons, and celebrating
holidays.

Character Name(s)

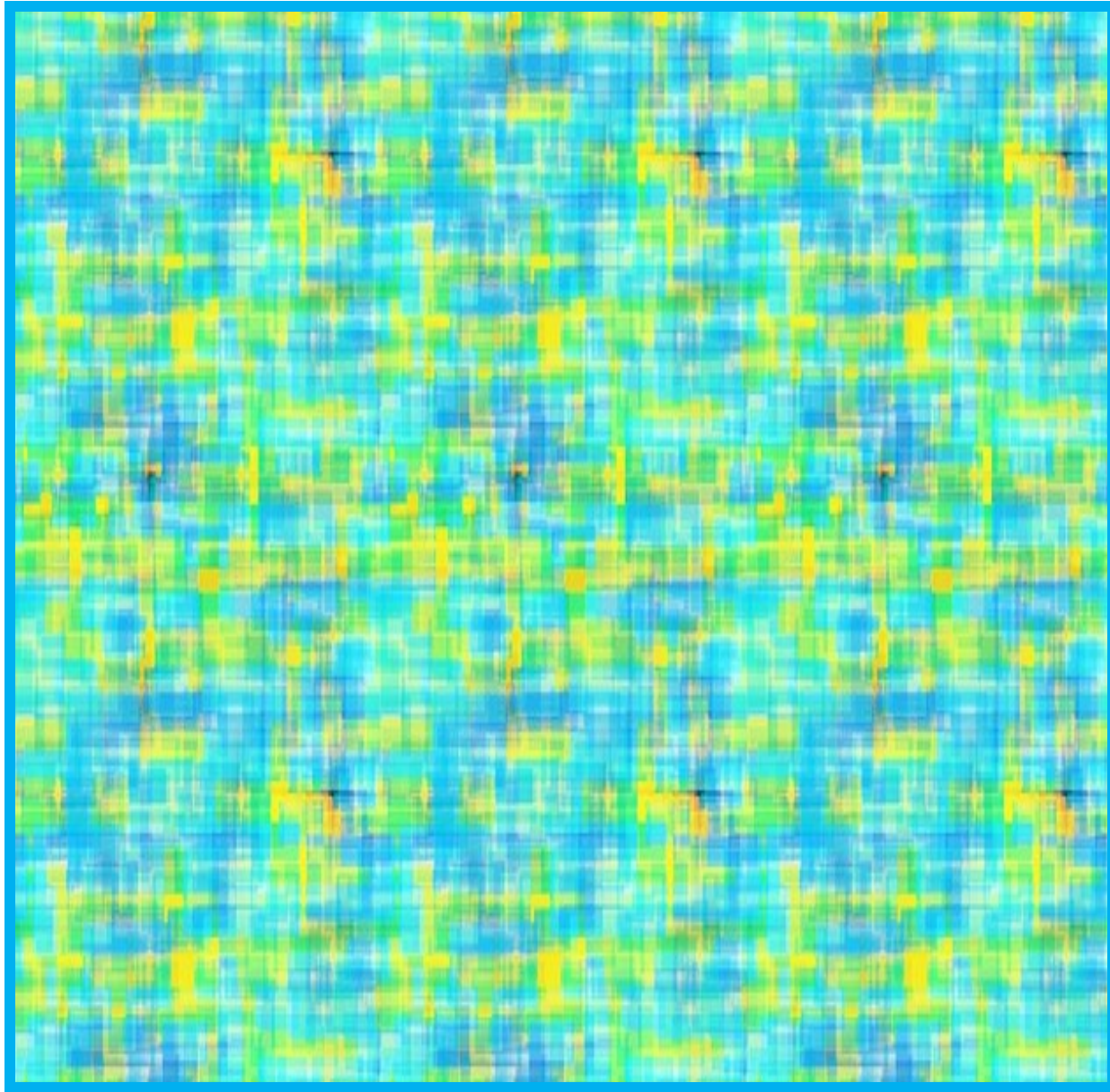
Cinnamon & Jeanne

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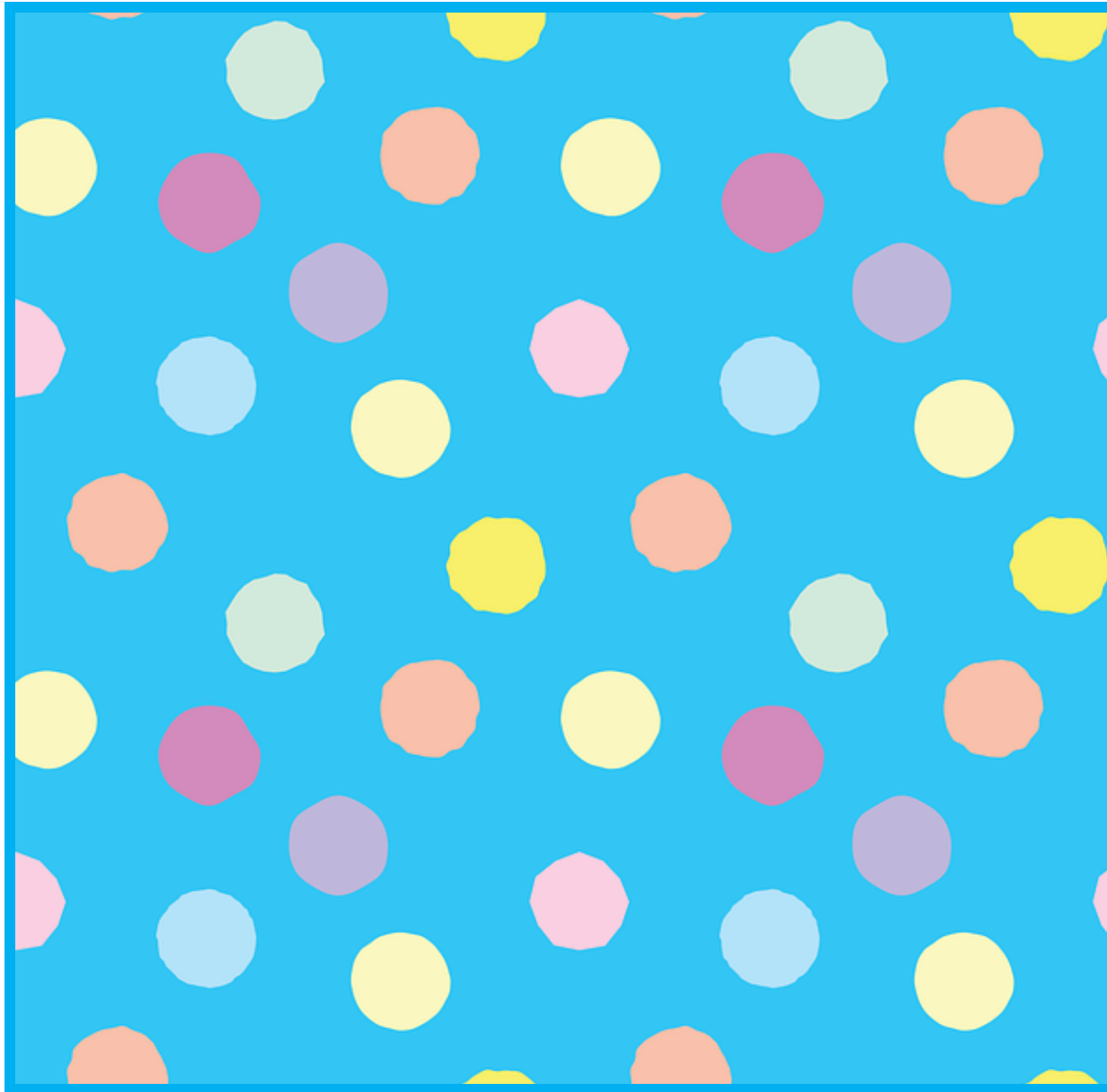
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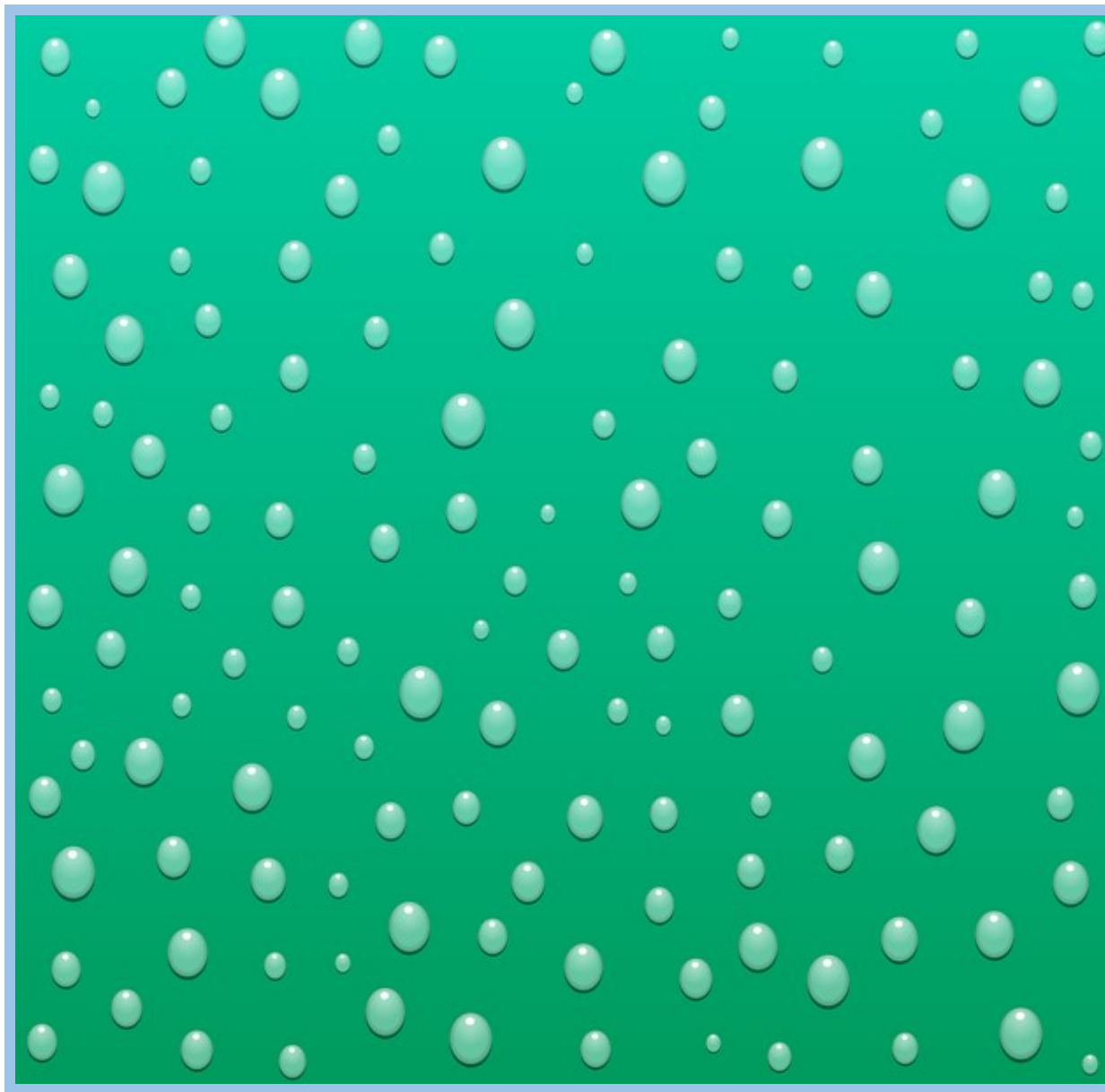
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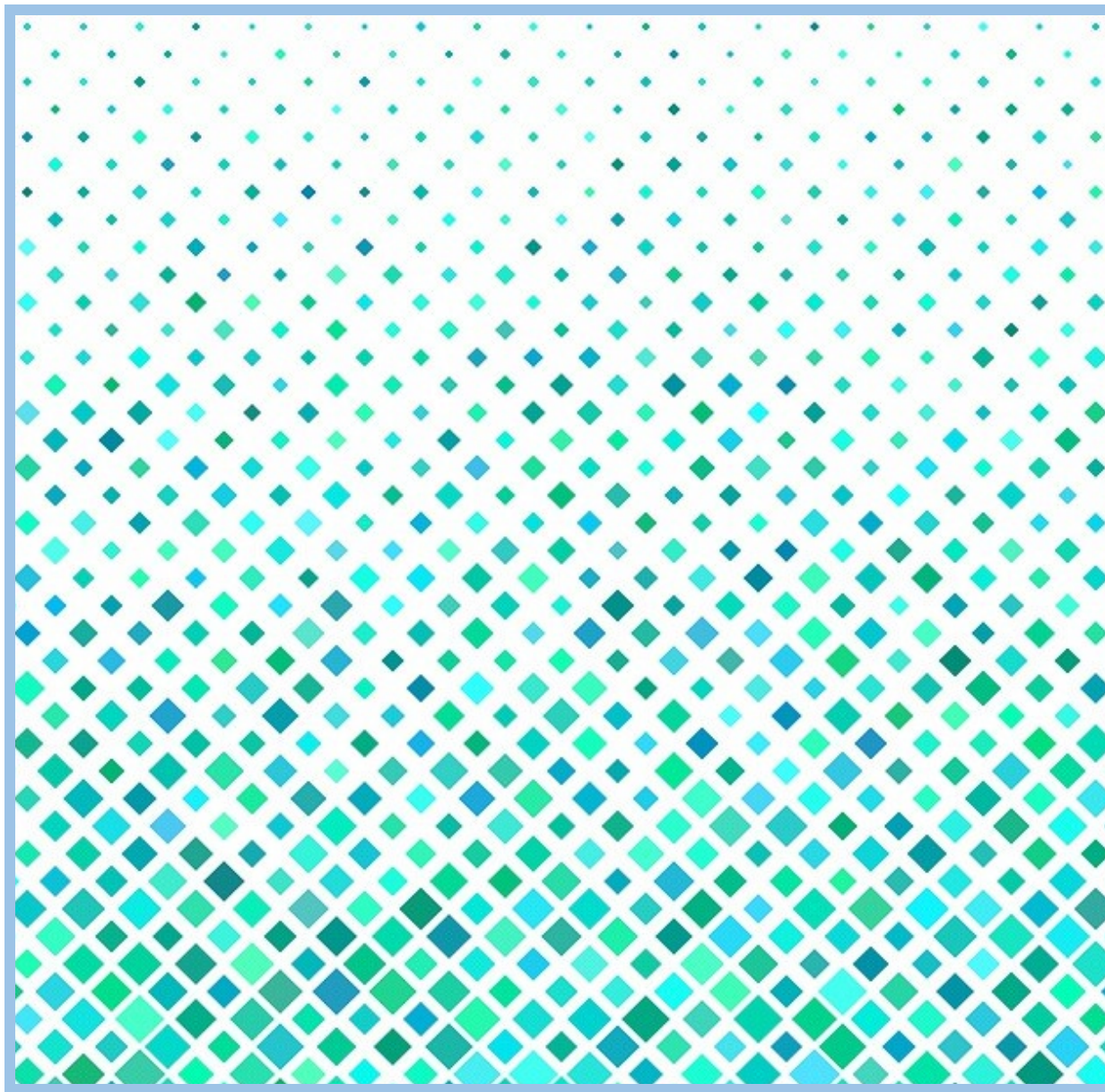
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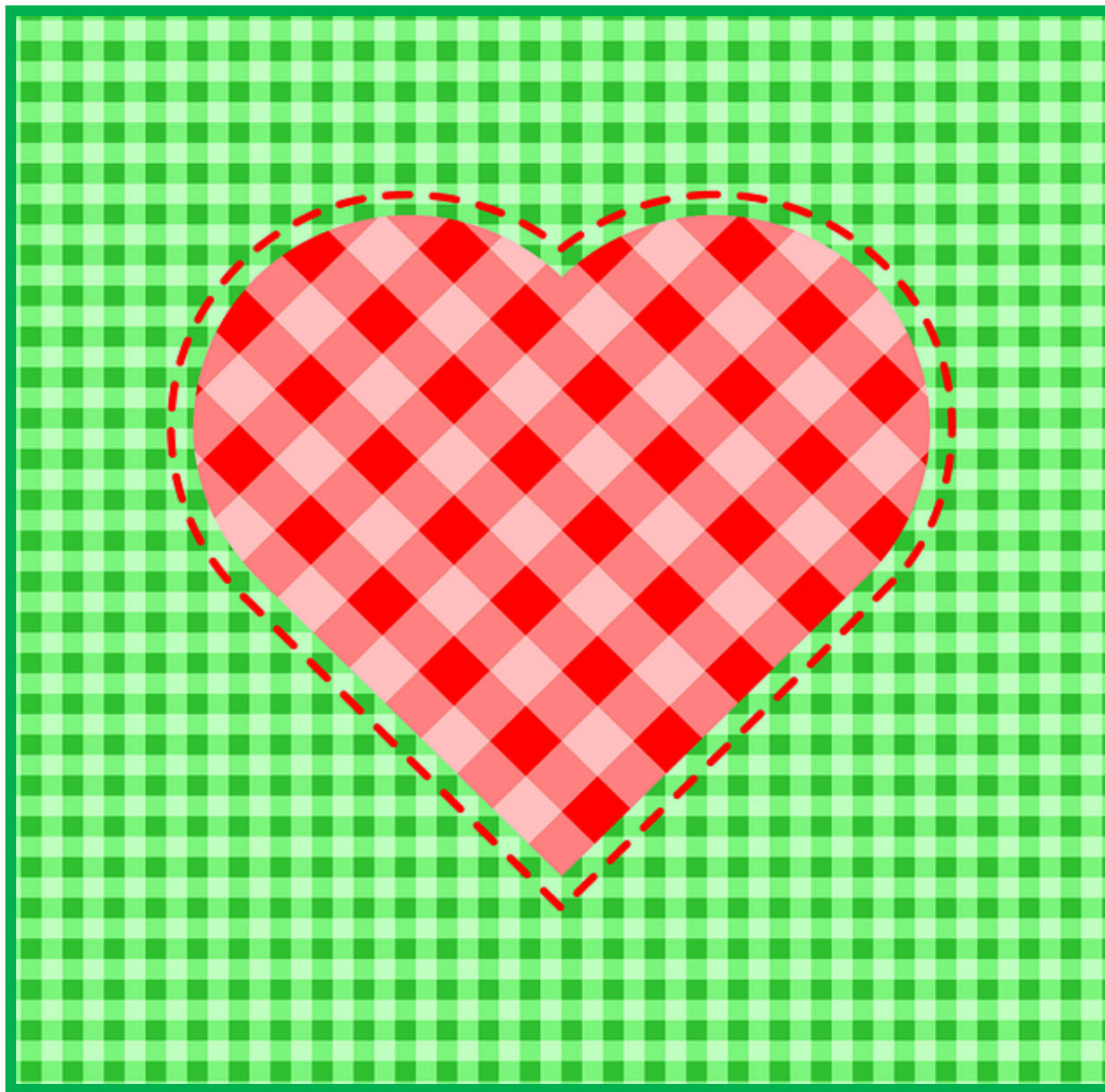
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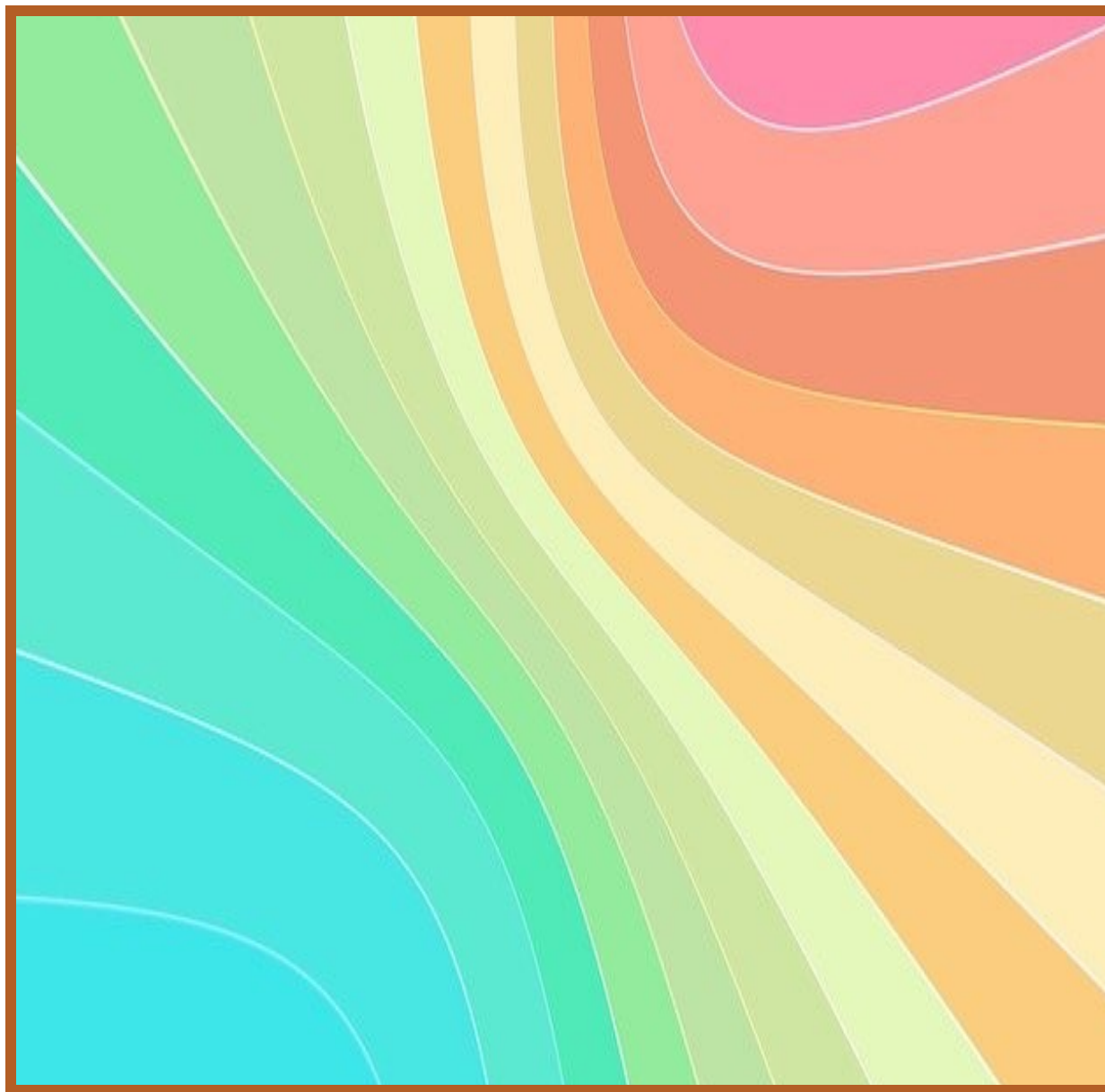
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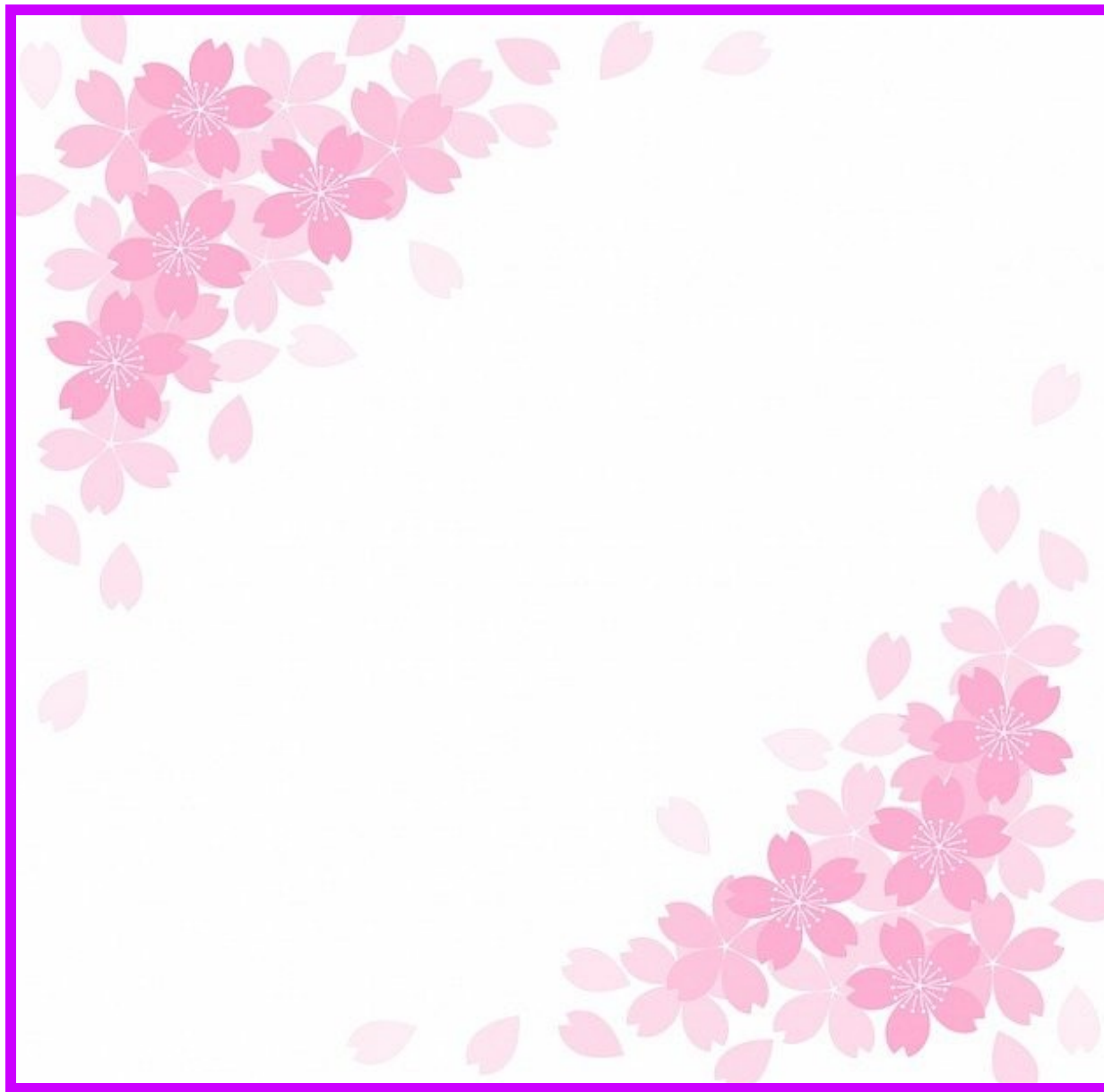
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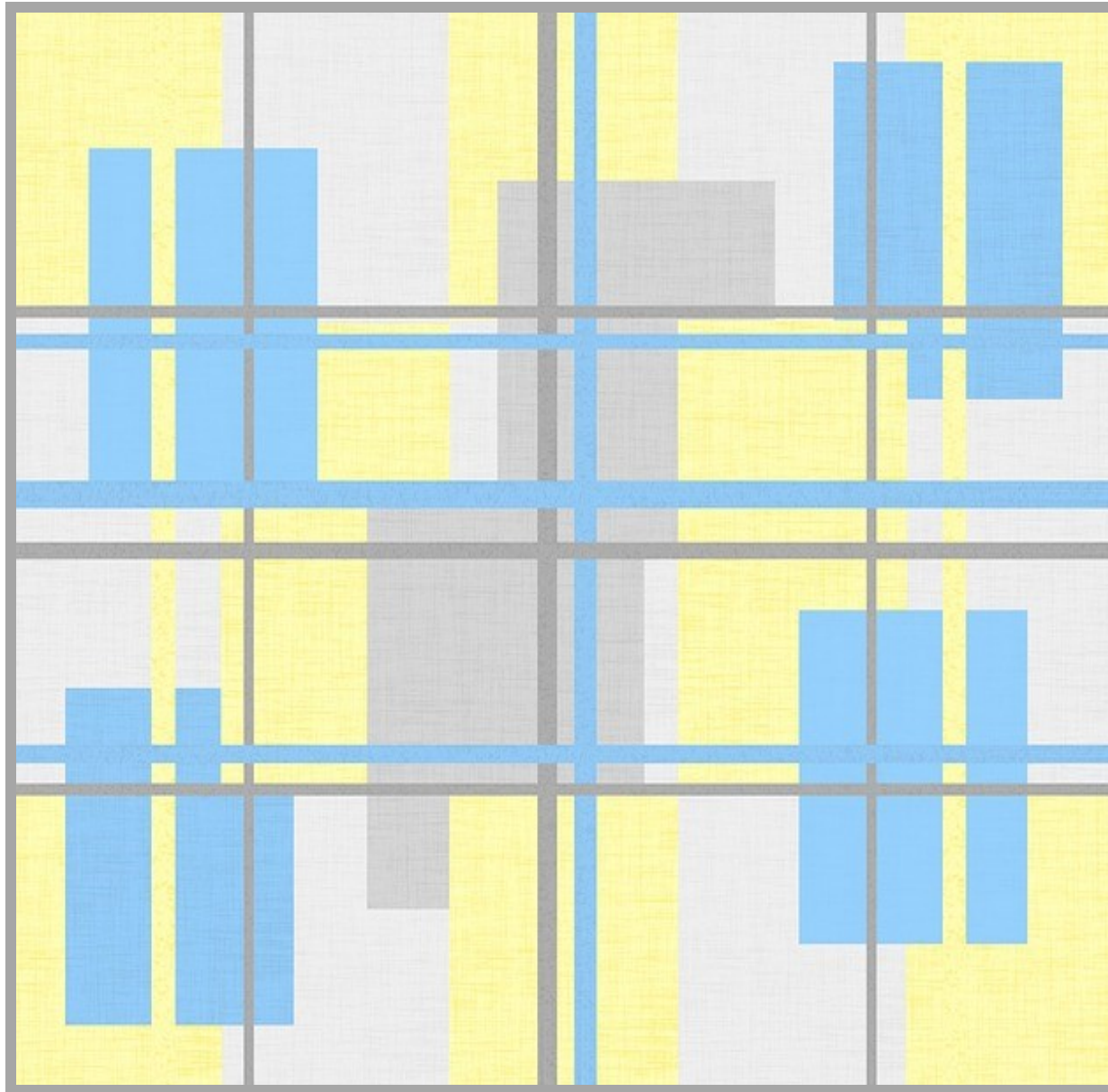
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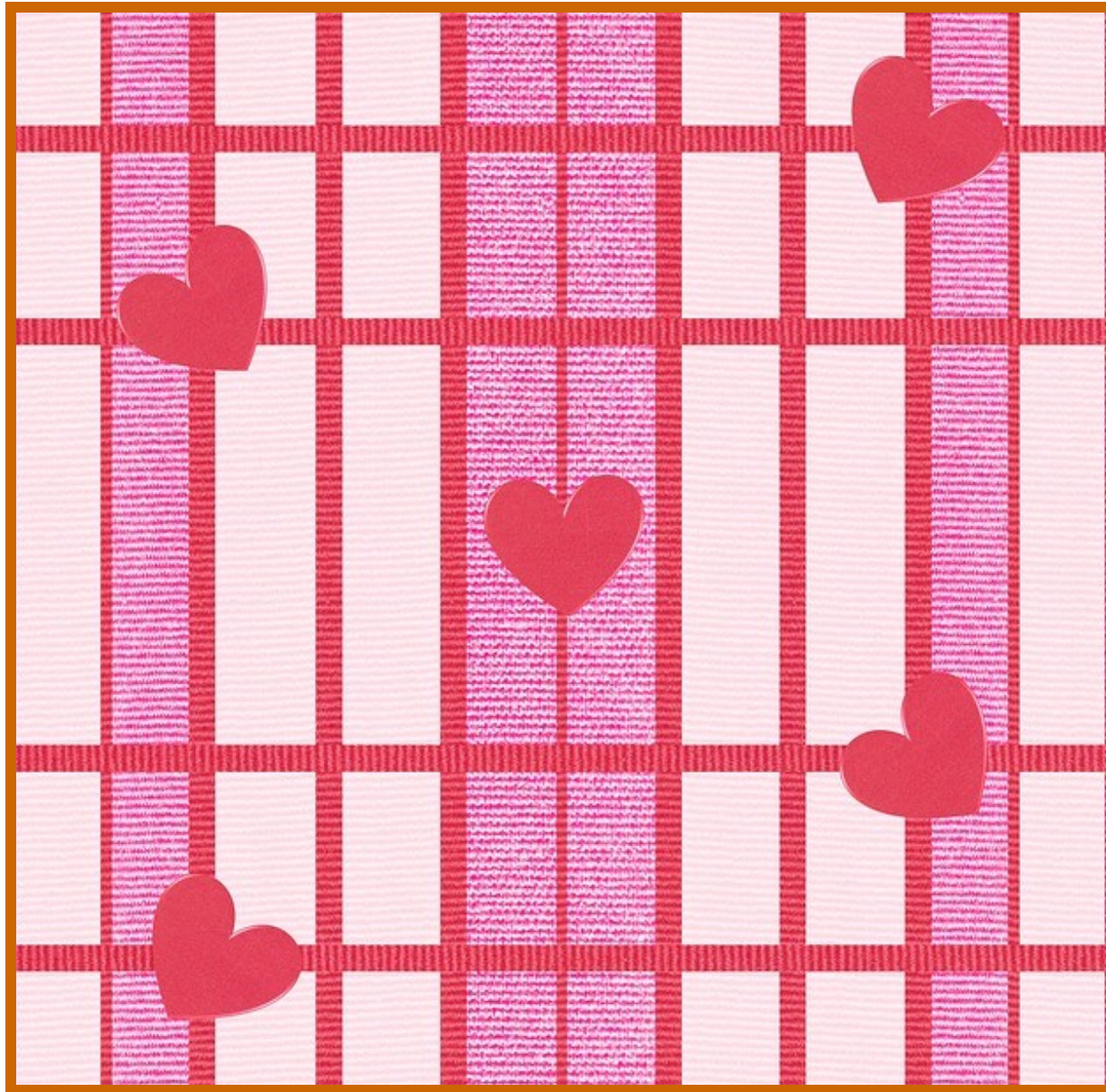
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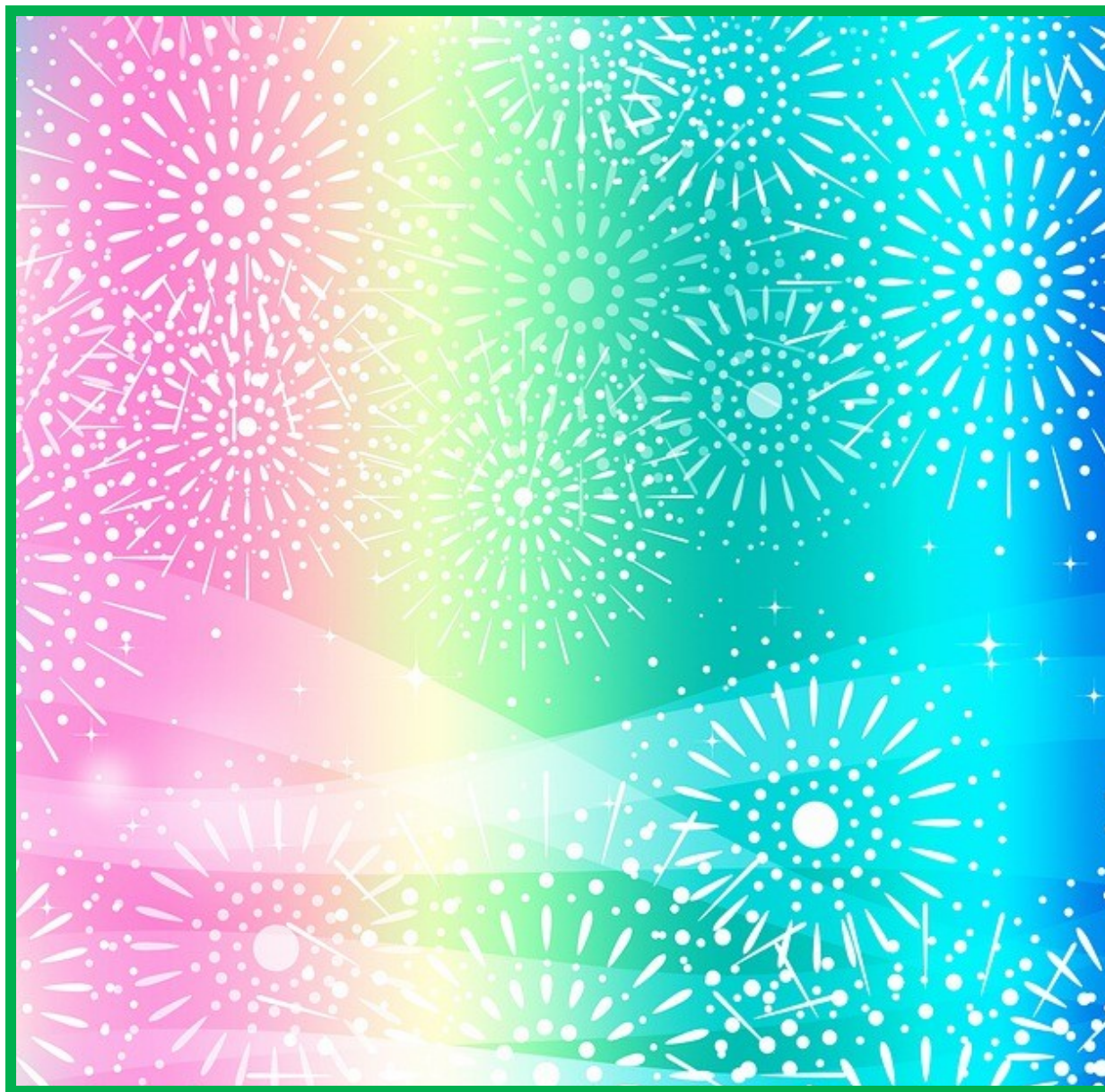
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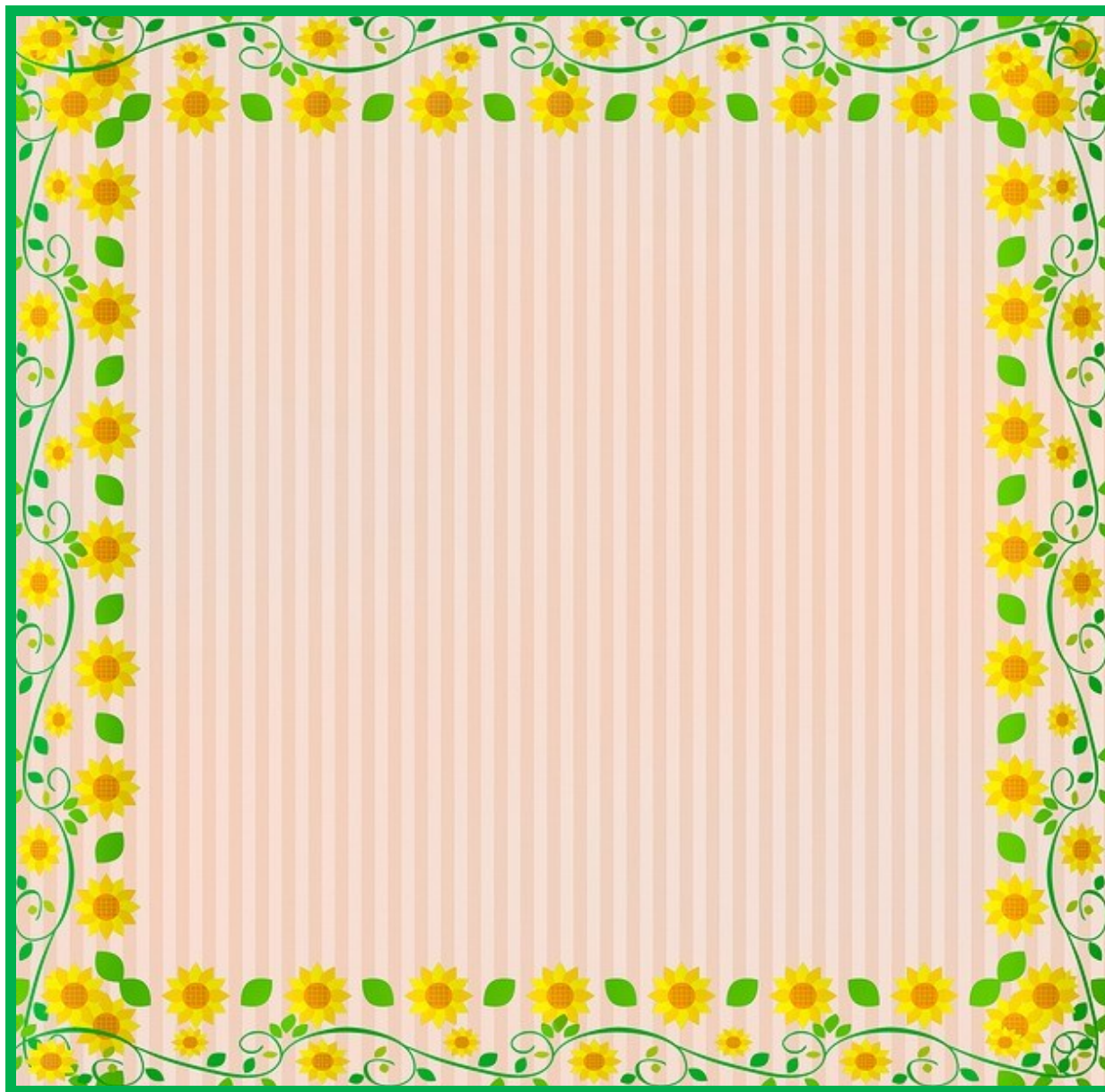
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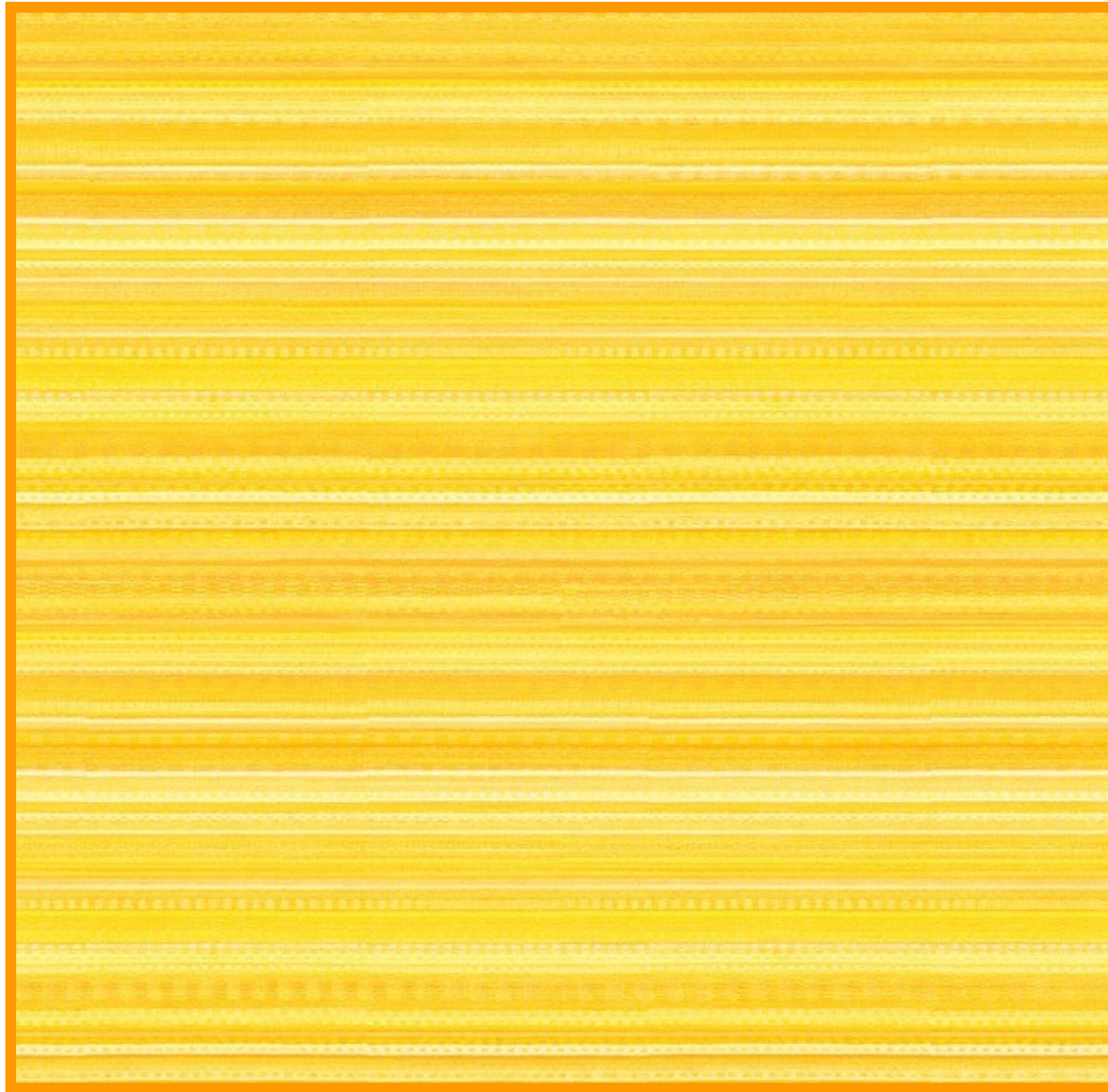
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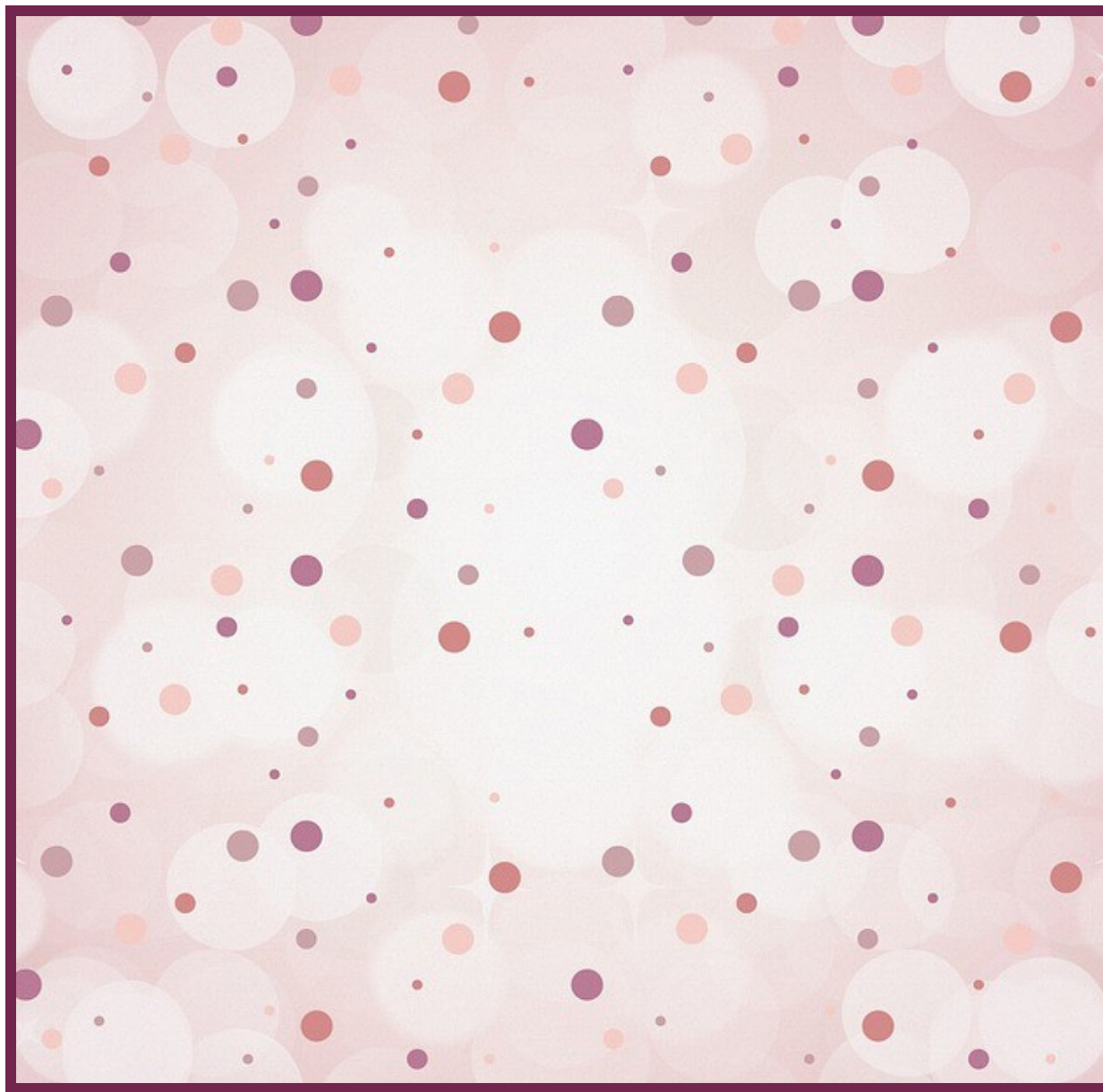
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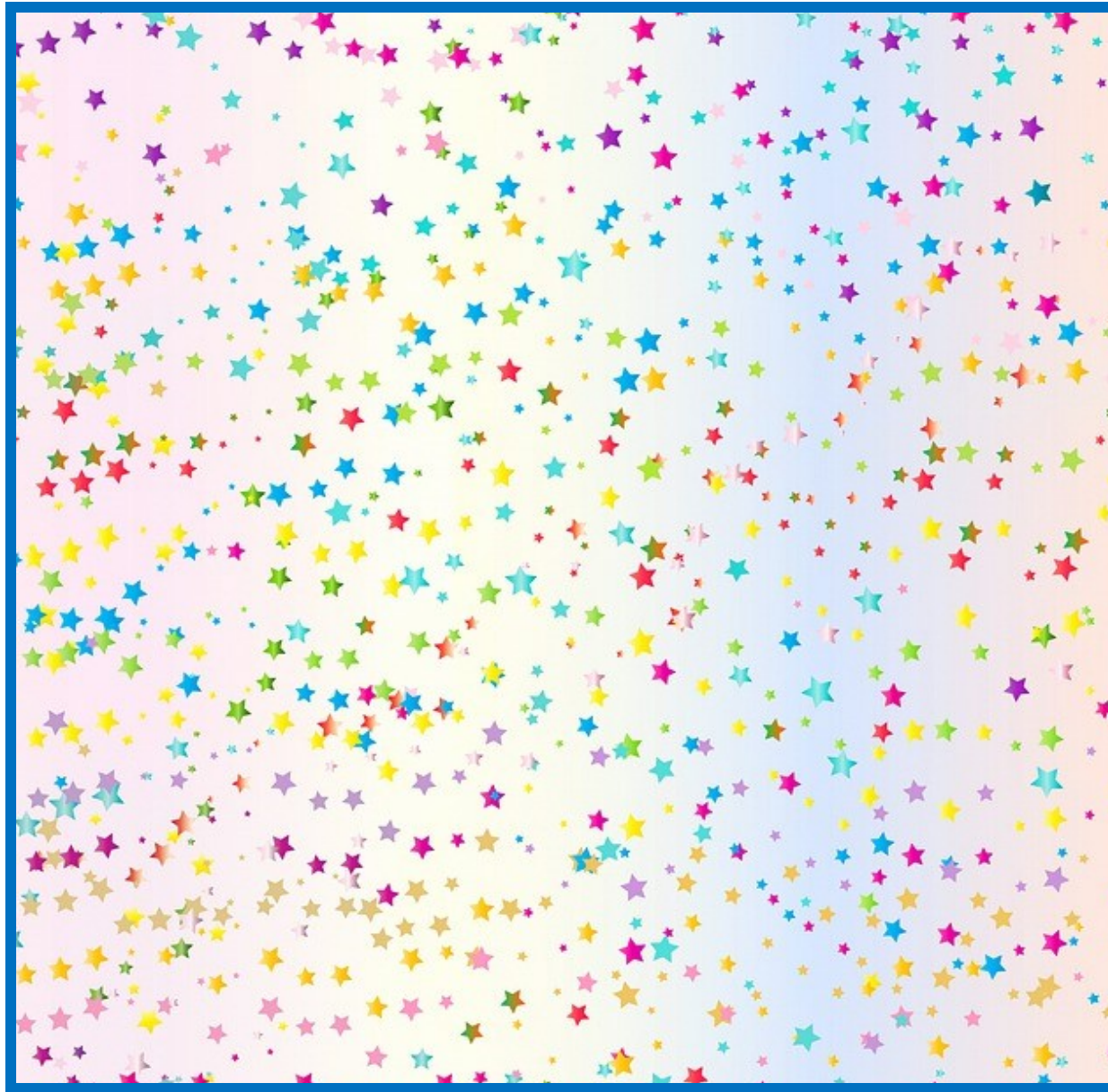
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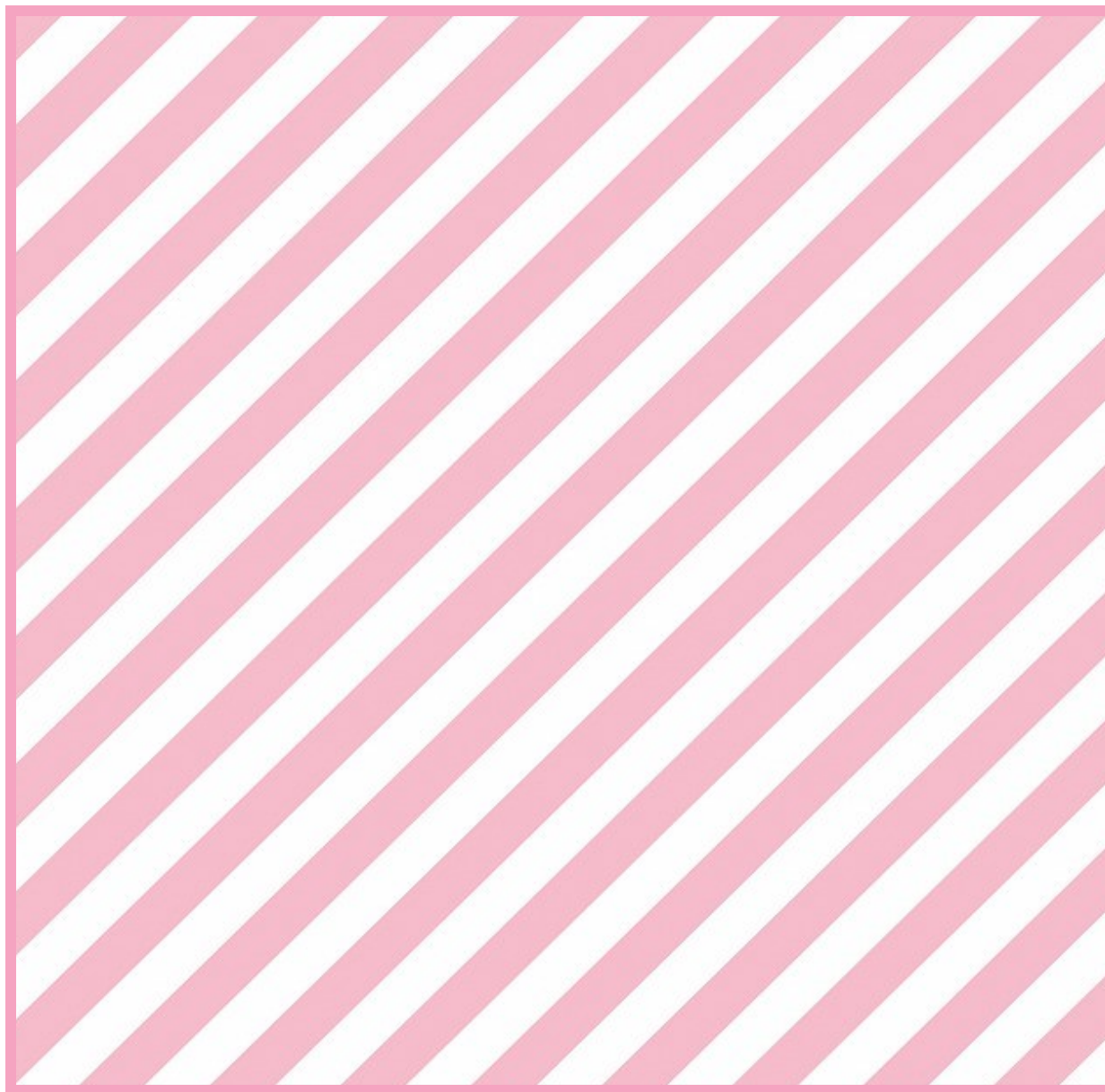
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