

PROBLEM 1 - OPULENT TILING

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This project creates a richly subdivided grid, where each subcell is filled with a color from a carefully chosen blue and gold palette, and contains either a diamond or an ellipse shape whose color is the exact inverse of the background. The key data structure, defined at the start (`let gridData;`), is a deeply nested array that holds the x, y, width, height, and color index for every subcell, as constructed by the `buildGrid()` function (lines 37–67).

The grid is initialized in the `setup()` function (lines 22–28), where the canvas size is set to the window dimensions and `buildGrid()` is called to generate the multi-level array. Each main grid cell (rows and columns set by `let rows` and `let cols`) is itself subdivided into a random number of subcells both vertically and horizontally (`minSub` and `maxSub`). For each subcell, its position, size, and a random color from the `paletteRGB` array are stored.

Rendering is handled by `drawGrid()` (lines 70–112), which loops through every subcell in the grid. For each, it first fills the background rectangle with its palette color. Then, based on the global boolean `showAllEllipse` (line 20), either a diamond (created by connecting the midpoints of each side using `beginShape()/endShape()`) or an ellipse (drawn with `ellipse(cx, cy, w - 2, h - 2)`, so it is almost perfectly inscribed in the cell) is drawn at the center. The shape uses the inverse of the background color to create a visually strong contrast.

Interactivity is added with the `mousePressed()` function (lines 115–148). A left mouse click on any subcell changes its color to a different palette value, by updating the fifth element of that subcell's data array. A right click anywhere toggles `showAllEllipse` globally, causing all diamonds to instantly switch to ellipses (and vice versa). To prevent the default context menu on right click, `document.oncontextmenu = () => false;` is used.

Overall, this sketch combines randomization, interaction, and color theory to produce a modernist, modular composition reminiscent of contemporary graphic design, with every detail (color, shape, and behavior) controlled by simple, readable code and explained through comments in each block.

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1. Define a palette of six RGB colors (gold and blue tones)
2. Set up the grid parameters: number of main rows and columns, and subcell count range
3. Create a global variable for the 5D grid array
4. Create a boolean flag to track whether ellipses or diamonds are displayed

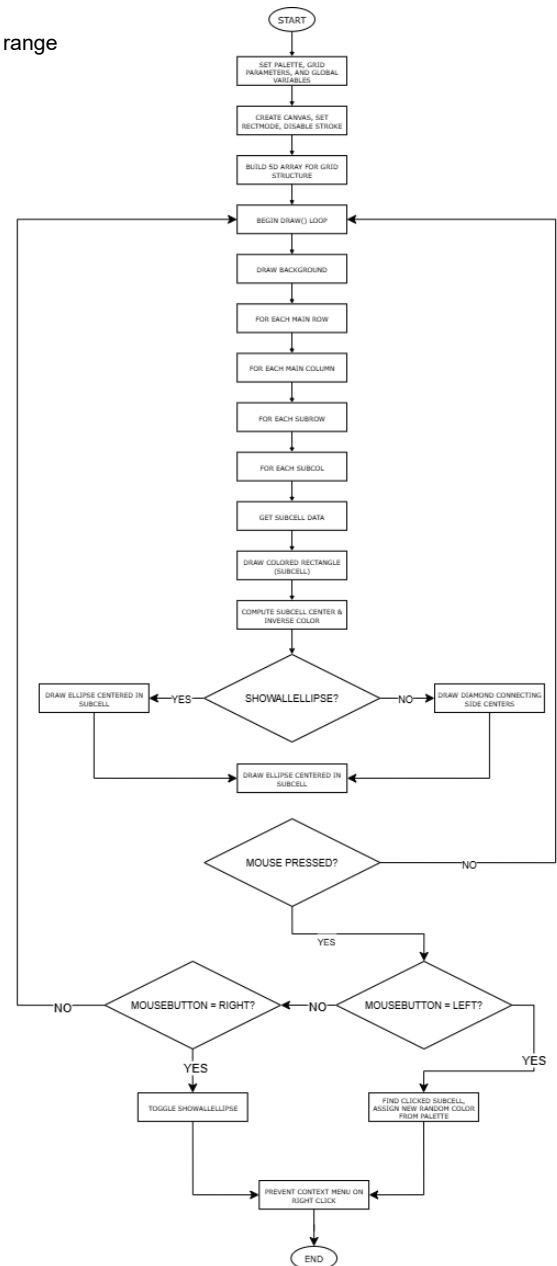
5. On program start:
 6. - Create a canvas as big as the window
 7. - Set rectangles to be drawn from top-left corner
 8. - Disable outline stroke by default
 9. - Call a function to build the grid data structure and store in global variable

10. Function to build the grid data structure:
 11. - For each main grid row:
 12. -- For each main grid column:
 13. --- Pick a random integer for the number of subrows (between min and max)
 14. --- Pick a random integer for the number of subcolumns (between min and max)
 15. --- Calculate the width and height of each subcell in this cell
 16. --- For each subrow:
 17. ---- For each subcolumn:
 18. ----- Calculate the x and y position for this subcell
 19. ----- Set width and height for the subcell
 20. ----- Choose a random color index from the palette
 21. ----- Store [x, y, width, height, colorIndex] for the subcell in the 5D array

22. Every draw frame:
 23. - Fill the whole background with dark gray
 24. - For each main row in the grid:
 25. -- For each main column:
 26. --- For each subrow:
 27. ---- For each subcolumn:
 28. ----- Get the subcell's [x, y, width, height, colorIndex] from the array
 29. ----- Lookup the RGB color for this cell from the palette
 30. ----- Draw a rectangle at (x, y) with width and height, filled with the palette color
 31. ----- Compute the center (cx, cy) of the subcell
 32. ----- Compute the color inverse of the fill for the inner shape
 33. ----- If ellipses mode is active:
 34. ----- Draw an ellipse at the center, width = w-2, height = h-2, with inverse color
 35. ----- Else (diamonds mode):
 36. ----- Compute the 4 midpoints of the sides of the subcell
 37. ----- Draw a diamond shape (polygon) connecting those 4 points, with inverse color

38. When the mouse is pressed:
 39. - If the left mouse button:
 40. -- Loop through all subcells
 41. --- If mouse coordinates are inside the subcell's bounds:
 42. ---- Pick a new random palette color for this subcell (not repeating the current color)
 43. ---- Update colorIndex for this subcell in the array
 44. ---- Stop checking further subcells (only one is changed per click)
 45. - If the right mouse button:
 46. -- Toggle the ellipses/diamonds mode for all subcells
 47. -- Prevent the browser context menu from showing

48. On any right-click anywhere in the document, always suppress the default context menu



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1 // This sketch builds a subdivided grid where each cell contains either a diamond or an ellipse,
2 // using a blue & gold palette. Clicking toggles colors or shapes interactively.
3
4 /* --- GLOBAL VARIABLES --- */
5 let gridData; // Will store the 50 grid array: [row][col][subrow][subcol][cellData]
6 let rows = 5; // Number of main grid rows
7 let cols = 8; // Number of main grid columns
8 let minSub = 2, maxSub = 6; // Range for random subcells per cell
9
10 // Chinese Blue & Gold palette in RGB: rich, elegant color choices
11 let paletteRGB = [
12   [202,151,3], // Chinese Gold
13   [213,173,54], // American Gold
14   [232,217,155], // Deep Champagne
15   [58,136,191], // Cyan-Blue Azure
16   [38,89,153], // Cyan Cobalt Blue
17   [219,206,191] // Pastel Gray
18 ];
19
20 let showAllEllipse = false; // If true: show ellipses everywhere, otherwise diamonds
21
22 /* --- SETUP: create the canvas and generate the grid --- */
23 function setup() {
24   createCanvas(windowWidth, windowHeight);
25   rectMode(CORNER); // Rectangles are drawn from their upper-left corner
26   noStroke();
27   gridData = buildGrid(rows, cols, minSub, maxSub); // Build the initial grid structure
28 }
29
30 /* --- DRAW: render the whole grid each frame --- */
31 function draw() {
32   background(30); // Deep gray to let gold/blue pop
33   drawGrid(gridData);
34 }
35
36 /* --- Build the grid and subdivide each cell into subcells --- */
37 function buildGrid(rows, cols, minSub, maxSub) {
38   let arr = [];
39   let cellW = width / cols;
40   let cellH = height / rows;
41   for (let r = 0; r < rows; r++) {
42     let cr = [];
43     for (let c = 0; c < cols; c++) {
44       let cr[c] = [];
45       // Choose a random number of subrows and subcolumns for each cell
46       let subRows = int(random(minSub, maxSub + 1));
47       let subCols = int(random(minSub, maxSub + 1));
48       let subW = cellW / subCols;
49       let subH = cellH / subRows;
50       for (let sr = 0; sr < subRows; sr++) {
51         for (let sc = 0; sc < subCols; sc++) {
52           // Compute position and size for each subcell
53           let x = c * cellW + sr * subW;
54           let y = r * cellH + sr * subH;
55           let w = subW;
56           let h = subH;
57           // Assign a random color from the palette (as an index)
58           let colorIndex = floor(random(paletteRGB.length));
59           // Stores x, y, width, height, colorIndex
60           cr[c][sr][sc] = [x, y, w, h, colorIndex];
61         }
62       }
63     }
64   }
65   return arr;
66 }
67
68 /* --- Render the grid: fill each subcell and draw either a diamond or ellipse at its center --- */
69 function drawGrid(grid) {
70   for (let r = 0; r < grid.length; r++) {
71     for (let c = 0; c < grid[r].length; c++) {
72       for (let sr = 0; sr < grid[r][c].length; sr++) {
73         for (let sc = 0; sc < grid[r][c][sr].length; sc++) {
74           let cell = grid[r][c][sr][sc];
75           let rgb = paletteRGB[cell[4]];
76           let x = cell[0], y = cell[1], w = cell[2], h = cell[3];
77
78           // 1. Draw subcell rectangle
79           fill(rgb[0], rgb[1], rgb[2]);
80           stroke(80);
81           strokeWeight(1.5);
82           rect(x, y, w, h);
83
84           // 2. Draw a diamond or ellipse in the center, using the color inverse for contrast
85           let cx = x + w / 2, cy = y + h / 2;
86           let inv = [255 - rgb[0], 255 - rgb[1], 255 - rgb[2]];
87           fill(inv[0], inv[1], inv[2]);
88           stroke(255, 90);
89           strokeWeight(1.1);
90
91           if (showAllEllipse) {
92             // Ellipse: perfectly inscribed in the cell (with tiny margin for stroke)
93             ellipse(cx, cy, w - 2, h - 2);
94           } else {
95             // Diamond: connects midpoints of each side
96             let top = [cx, y];
97             let right = [x + w, cy];
98             let bottom = [cx, y + h];
99             let left = [x, cy];
100             beginShape();
101             vertex(top[0], top[1]);
102             vertex(right[0], right[1]);
103             vertex(bottom[0], bottom[1]);
104             vertex(left[0], left[1]);
105             endShape(CLOSE);
106           }
107         }
108       }
109     }
110   }
111 }
112
113 /* --- Handle mouse clicks for interactivity --- */
114 function mousePressed() {
115   let changed = false;
116   // Loop over all subcells to check which one was clicked
117   for (let r = 0; r < gridData.length; r++) {
118     for (let c = 0; c < gridData[r].length; c++) {
119       for (let sr = 0; sr < gridData[r][c].length; sr++) {
120         for (let sc = 0; sc < gridData[r][c][sr].length; sc++) {
121           let cell = gridData[r][c][sr][sc];
122           let [x,y,w,h,cid] = cell;
123           if (mouseX >= x && mouseX < x + w && mouseY >= y && mouseY < y + h) {
124             // Left click: change only this subcell's color, never to the same color
125             if (mouseButton === LEFT) {
126               let newIndex;
127               do {
128                 newIndex = floor(random(paletteRGB.length));
129               } while (newIndex === cid);
130               cell[4] = newIndex;
131             }
132             changed = true;
133             break;
134           }
135         }
136       }
137       if (changed) break;
138     }
139     if (changed) break;
140   }
141   if (changed) {
142     // Right click: toggle between diamonds and ellipses in ALL subcells
143     showAllEllipse = !showAllEllipse;
144     return false; // Prevents browser context menu
145   }
146 }
147
148 //prevent context menu on right-click everywhere
149 document.oncontextmenu = () => false;
150
151 /*
152 INTERACTION:
153 - Left click: changes the color of the clicked subcell (with no color repetition).
154 - Right click: toggles ALL shapes between diamonds and ellipses across the grid.
155 - Visuals: Blue & gold palette, modern & cinematic. Shapes invert their color for contrast.
156 - Structure: Each grid cell is subdivided into a random grid of subcells.
157 */

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