So I have my 4x4 artboard, and all the parts I'm going to use in my repeat pattern.

Were going to start with the edges

* I'm going to take some of my flowers and put them along the left edge of my artboard.
  + I have a slight idea of how open I want my pattern, so I'm going to make sure I keep distance, but this might be different for your pattern.
* Next, I’m going to select the items that cross the left side fo the artboard.
  + Open up the move tool CMD+SHIFT+M
  + Now I want to move these over to the right side. Keeping in mind my artboard is 4in square, I want to move my selection 4in horizontally, and 0in vertically.
  + Use the preview to make sure things look good, and Make sure you select COPY to copy the selection to the new location.
* Using the same method, I'm going to work on the top edge of my artboard.
  + I am making sure to place my flowers along the edge of the artboard.
  + When moving your selection, you can also preview where they are going to move before you move them, and I see that I have some overlap, so I'm going to cancel the move and adjust my flower.
* So now I'm just going to fill in the inside of my pattern.
  + You can move your shapes around using the rotate tool to get the perfect fit.
  + My pattern is going to be multidirectional, so I want to make sure that I have shapes in all directions.
* We need to clip away the stuff outside the artboard, and we are going to do this with a clipping mask.
  + First, you need to make a square the same shape as your artboard. M
  + And you need to align it right over your artboard. Make sure it is ONTOP of everything.
  + Select everything CMD+A
  + Create clipping mask by going object> clipping mask> make or by using the keystroke CMD+7
  + I'm going to move and copy my clipping mask to check my edges and make sure they line up.
    - You can either use the more tool or click the selection and shift+OPT+drag to move and copy the object
    - I can see that I have an issue in the bottom right corner, so I'm going to get rid of my extra squares
    - Next, I'm going to double click my clipping mask to go inside and make changes.
      * Keep in mind that when moving objects left, use a negative before the number.
    - And I'm just going to adjust some other, more accessible objects, so they're not too close together.
  + And that's it for the repeat pattern!! I'm just going to make a few more color versions.
    - I'm going to duplicate my pattern to check the edges, and I'm going to change the color using the Recolor Artwork Tool.
* Lastly, I like to take a screenshot of the final product.