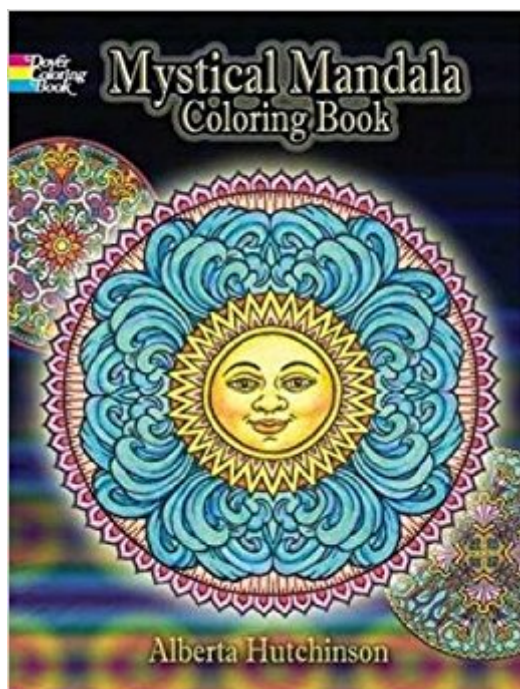


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# Mystical Mandala Coloring Book (Dover Design Coloring Books)



## Synopsis

Explore the intricate patterns and symmetrical beauty of these ready-to-color designs! This vibrant collection of drawings was inspired by the hypnotic appeal of the mandala. An ancient form of meditative art, mandalas are complex circular designs that draw the eye inward, toward their centers. These 30 dazzling mandala designs will captivate colorists of all ages, challenging them to create kaleidoscopic effects.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Friends gave me some art markers as a gift recently, and I quickly became addicted to designs like these. I've searched hundreds of similar products and have "test driven" about 15 of them now. This book turns out to be my favorite. I don't love EVERY design in the book, but I love enough of them that I'm about to order my 3rd copy. Yes, I could (and have tried to) photocopy the pages to avoid buying the book again, but the quality of the copy paper I have isn't very compatible with the Prismacolor Art Markers that I use. That doesn't mean that you can't or shouldn't make copies for yourself. I like this product so much that I don't mind spending \$3.95, and I think I'm going to order a stack of them. The designs are that satisfying to me. I want to try them out in a variety of color patterns. These designs offer such satisfying detail in a format that's NOT so small that you have to

squint while viewing the page, yet neither are they simplistic, childlike, or so large that using markers results in streaks as you try to fill the space. The scale of the designs lends itself nicely to the Prismacolor art markers I use. If you like to use various shades of the same color, these designs are structured in a way that allows you to experiment wonderfully with that technique. The quality of the paper isn't way off the charts, but it's a bright optic white and is of a much higher quality than what I've seen in far more expensive products. I'm satisfied with it! Yes, it's true that these images are printed on both sides of the page, so if you use permanent markers like I do, the ink bleeds through, rendering the back side of the page unusable. This is where you'd end up photocopying the other side of the page (if you have access to quality copy paper... if that matters) or buying more copies of the book. For \$3.95 I can't beat this book. I've spend HOURS absorbed in the designs. I posted about 10 of them into the "viewer's pages" section above... hopefully they're visible. I absolutely recommend this product!

I love the designs in this book, but unfortunately the pages are thin. They would not withstand marker. They would probably not be archival. There would be bleed through if you used even the lightest of inks, and added gesso on top of it (yes it's a thing). However the art itself is beautiful. The mandalas are gorgeous and unique. Unlike so many other mandala based books out there this has some really original art. I hope the author and artist can get this book republished on perforated one sided multi media paper. I scanned the design so I could color some of them on nice card stock. However, I wish I didn't have to do that. If it was any other book I probably wouldn't have bothered.

This was the first adult coloring book I bought so I did not know about designs printed on both side of the page. I love most of the designs but had to pick which ones I wanted to color as it is impossible to do both if you use markers as they go right through the page and mess up the design there. so you only get half the amount of images to color. I was not luckier with pencils as they ruin the underside design too, maybe I press too hard and you will be OK. Some people copy the designs but I did not like the feel of my copy paper when I colored on it. Creative Haven is my go to choice now as they only print on one side. I have given this book 4 stars for the art, not for the finished book I did NOT get this book for free nor for a discount so you get my unbiased opinion.

Mystical Mandala Coloring Book is one of my favorite adult coloring books. This is not listed as an adult coloring book but I would not call this for a child. The designs are intricate but not overly detailed. Not every picture is fantastic but the majority of them are wonderful. There are very few I

actually dislike. I really like the quality of this paper. My pens do not run or smear like other papers do. I can see myself ordering this book again when I get done coloring the last page. I have tried both colored pencils as well as gel pens and love the way they both work out. The colors end up very bright and vibrant or very soft and beautiful. This book has got me addicted. I would recommend this to anyone that enjoys coloring.

I actually bought this book twice for gifts. The first time I sent it to my mom who loves to color. The second time I had it sent to my house and gave it to a local friend. The good: my mom really has enjoyed the book. She has done detailed coloring and I think since the book looks just like a child's coloring book in terms of form factor she had no fear of messing it up. The mandala designs are quite intricate and lovely. The bad: As I just mentioned the book is understated and looks like a dollar store coloring book. In other words - it doesn't make a very good presentation piece. Also markers tend to lead through the pages.

I bought this for my students (Kindergarten-8th) and they love them. The kids take days to finish and I have no problem saving them in a folder for quiet time work. My Kindergarten also get to work on fine motor skills and patience. :)

If you like ink colored pens this is not a good book for you. There are prints on front and back and ink bleeds through. Better for colored pencils and crayons. Nice designs.

As lovely as many of these images are, this book has some serious issues that cannot be ignored. Firstly, and most importantly, the pages are printed double sided. This limits the medium one can use on this book to dry only- no markers, no paints, etc. You are essentially limited to just pencils, which might not be such a big issue if... The second issue: The pages are VERY thin. Even with gentle shading motions, shredding a point of a page is so easy, it detracts from the enjoyment of the coloring. Lastly, The pages are not scored for easy removal from the book, making it even harder to work on a single image. With all of the other issues, this is not a book I would buy for someone else or recommend.

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