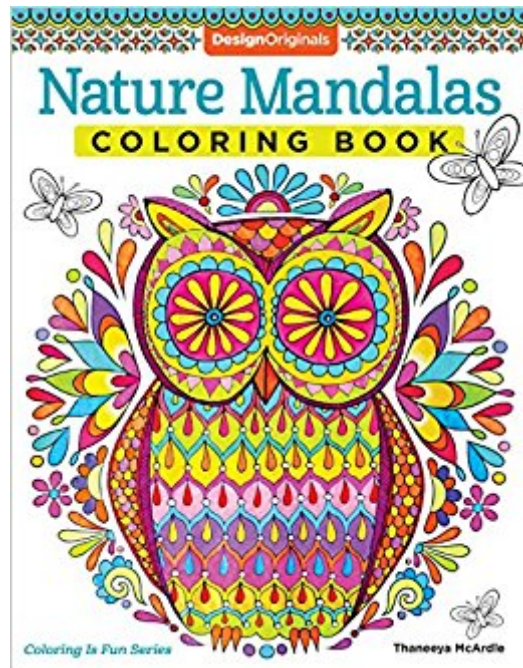




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Nature Mandalas Coloring Book (Design Originals)



Synopsis

Enter a whimsical world of creative self-expression with the Nature Mandalas Coloring Book. Inside you'll find 30 amazing art activities that offer an inspiring adventure of patterning, shading, and coloring. Designed by talented artist Thaneeya McArdle, these quirky circles of nature offer a fun and easy way to exercise your creativity. From butterflies and bunnies, to dolphins and dragonflies, each vibrantly detailed illustration provides a launching pad to spark your imagination and unleash your inner artist. The author also includes a handy guide to basic art techniques, from patterning and combinations to shading and color theory. Printed on high quality extra-thick paper, this quirky coloring book for grownups is perfect for decorating with markers, colored pencils, gel pens, or watercolors. Designed to eliminate bleed-through, each page is pre-perforated for easy removal and display.

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Customer Reviews

Circles of Nature to Color and ShareWelcome to the Nature Mandalas Coloring Book! I'd like to invite you to come inside and play with doodles, shapes, and patterns. Coloring and patterning are relaxing, meditative activities that encourage self-expression, sending you on a creative adventure. I hope that you'll use each of these pages as a launching pad to spark your creativity and unleash your inner artist. I took my first intercontinental plane ride before I learned to walk, and I've been

hooked on travel ever since. From staying with a tribal village family in India to getting married under a tree in Australia, the world offers me such an amazing variety of experiences cultures to explore, places to see, differences to appreciate. Art is my way of assimilating and interpreting the world around us. And my travels allow me to keep my art and techniques fresh and interesting. Mandalas are powerful symbols of wholeness, perfect for decorating with markers, colored pencils, gel pens, or watercolors. Nature Mandalas Coloring Book is printed on high-quality, extra-thick paper to eliminate bleed-through. Each page is pre-perforated for easy removal and display. Happy art making! Thaneeya (check out www.art-is-fun.com for my latest drawing and painting tips)"

Thaneeya McArdle is the author and illustrator of two art instruction books, Draw Groovy and The Everything Girls Ultimate Body Art Book. A professional artist based in Sarasota, Fla., she works in painting, drawing, and mixed media, with a special focus on vibrantly detailed whimsical art. Thaneeya (pronounced "tuh-nee-yuh") operates Art-Is-Fun.com, an art instruction website, and The-Art-Colony.com, an online artists community.

This book is filled with simple but medium detailed, perfectly balanced; mostly circular mandalas, inspired by nature, printed one per page, followed by, on the back of each illustration, an inspirational quote from people like John Muir, Longfellow, and Thoreau. The Owl on the front cover is the most detailed in the book, the rest are simpler and left that way specifically so school aged children and adults, who like to draw and doodle, can add in their own details, creating their own unique, personalized illustrations. This book as it is printed is a wonderful first mandala coloring book for younger school aged children. These perfectly balanced, nature inspired mandalas will encourage your childrens imagination, stimulate their senses, and arouse their creativity. As they become engaged in the enjoyable activity of Coloring, it provides a calming effect and almost immediately starts reducing stress levels. Example of one of the quotes (If you want something you have never had, then you have got to do something you have never done) My Grandchildren love this book, even the youngest with crayons, markers, colored pencils. I like using Gel Pens and colored pencils. Pros: 1. 30 delightful, imaginative, simple, nature inspired mandala illustrations to color, printed one per page (the back of each page has an inspirational quote) on medium weight, bright white paper, which is perforated for easy page removal. 2. 5 hint pages at the beginning of the book provide, pattern techniques, Shading, Basic color ideas, and Color theory. 3. 8 full sized example colored pages, with additional details added to the actual books images, to inspire you. 4. Thirty inspirational quotes are included, one on the back of each coloring page. Cons: 1. The paper is

only medium weight so some pens and markers will bleed through. To prevent damage to the next picture place a scrap piece of paper under the picture as you color it and leave until the picture is dry. Problem Solved!

This is a great coloring book, some of the designs are a little too simple and they expect you to add some of your own designs to it but I still really enjoy it. I would recommend some top quality colored pencils or ultra fine point markers.

The picture on the front is not really a good representation of the designs inside. Most of the designs are very simple and dare I say, even a little boring but this might be a good way to introduce a child to this type of coloring. There is one design per page and the paper is reasonably thick. The line thicknesses vary from design to design but mostly seem okay.

less of a coloring book and more of a primer - if you are looking for guidance in how to combine colors and patterns then this will be good for you. I was not looking for guidance, just pictures to color so it was only ok for me.

A great coloring book for any mandala lover. If you love animals and nature, you probably will enjoy this book. It is not too complex. It is mostly simple pictures to color.

I am enjoying this coloring book. After reading the other reviews, I thought I would love it. However, I don't enjoy drawing very much, and this leaves a lot of space to add your own little bit to some of the pictures. So it is great for people who can draw or enjoy drawing as well as coloring. It does include some tutorials on how to go about adding to the picture, and gives some ideas for color schemes, which I appreciate. I also like the quotes that are included as a watermark on the back of the pages. So, overall, good coloring book. If you can't or don't like to draw, you may feel like the picture is missing something in the end.

I realize that coloring for adults is a little controversial. Were my blessed grandmother alive, she would quote the Apostle Paul: "I put away childish things." She never colored with me as a kid. Perhaps the Boomers/Gen Xers intend to never grow up and can just ignore the baleful stares of those who think it's kid stuff. I found it very relaxing to spend some time with art that isn't going to be judged!

Its okay, but if you are looking for something more sophisticated, this isn't the one. The pictures do not cover much of the pages, and they are not that detailed. This would be fine for a young person, but I doubt an adult would enjoy it much.

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