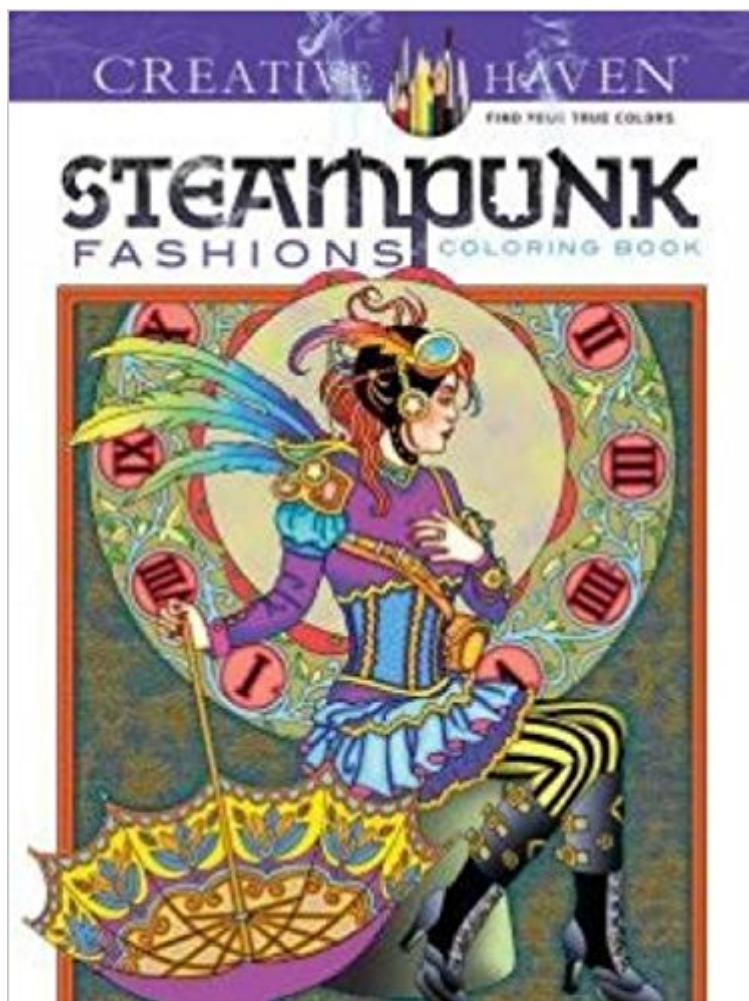


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# Creative Haven Steampunk Fashions Coloring Book (Adult Coloring)



## Synopsis

Based on fashions from steampunk literature, these 31 original designs combine Victorian-era clothing with goggles, clocks, and other technological accessories. The illustrations' intricacy and post-apocalyptic air offer mature colorists creatively challenging and unique coloring experiences. Pages are perforated and printed on one side only for easy removal and display. Specially designed for experienced colorists, Steampunk Fashions and other Creative Haven® adult coloring books offer an escape to a world of inspiration and artistic fulfillment. Each title is also an effective and fun-filled way to relax and reduce stress.

## Book Information

Series: Adult Coloring

Paperback: 64 pages

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Product Dimensions: 8.2 x 0.2 x 11 inches

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Age Range: 8 and up

Grade Level: 3 and up

## Customer Reviews

Over 30 Steampunk Fashions to ColorBased on fashions from steampunk literature, these 31 original designs combine Victorian-era clothing with goggles, clocks, and other technological accessories. The intricacy and post-apocalyptic air of the illustrations offer mature colorists creatively challenging and unique coloring experiences. Specially designed for experienced colorists, Creative Haven® coloring books offer an escape to a world of inspiration and artistic fulfillment. Perforated pages printed on one side only for easy removal and display. Find your true

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One of Dover's most gifted and versatile artists, Marty Noble is the creator of over 200 Dover titles, including regular and stained glass coloring books, stickers, tattoos, stencils, CD-ROMs, and more. Marty has expertly re-created the art for most of the "Color Your Own . . ." series and originated many of our bestselling Creative Haven titles. She has a dedicated fan base of colorists who write rave reviews on the Internet. Marty currently lives in Santa Barbara, California, where she is constantly inspired by her beautiful surroundings.

Steampunk is a genre of books that I have enjoyed for a number of years. The art that has arisen from the literature has been fun and edgy. I have the previous steampunk coloring book by Marty Noble and was really happy to see a coloring book this time focusing on the fashions (though there are still plenty of elements I look for like gears, clocks, etc.) The women in the pictures are gorgeous, as usual for Ms. Noble and the fashions outrageous, which is what I look for in steampunk. The 31 fashion designs are based on those of the Victorian age but are updated with unusual, slightly racy, and spunky twists. These are all in line with what steampunk is about a what-if scenario that changes the way the world works and society would proceed. The designs are elegantly drawn, which is exactly what I have come to expect from Ms. Noble. I am always pleased with her designs and look forward to new ones as they become available. I am hoping that she will come out with another steampunk book that is more dedicated to the machinery of the genre. I would love to see robots and strange cars and flying machines as the focus instead of the background. As with other Creative Haven coloring books, the pages are perforated for easy removal, are printed on bright white paper, and the designs are on only one side of each page (the back of which is left blank.) I find that some of my gel pens and, of course, all of my pencils work fine with these pages but when I use markers, I have to test for ink seeping through. If it does, I use freezer paper or cardstock to keep the page beneath from being marred. Coloring in adult coloring books has become the way I relax at the end of the day. I find that coloring, as with other hobbies that involve a single focus and handwork, help me to de-stress by allowing my brain to release all of the tension and thoughts of tomorrow. I focus on the here and now and exactly where I am putting my colors. I would love to say that I am good at coloring but the truth is, my projects are a learning process. I prefer to think that there are no mistakes, only the opportunity to try and see if something works. If not, then it was only ink and paper and I can always

try again. My thoughts, especially to someone new to the hobby, just relax, enjoy yourself and have fun the same way children do when they are coloring. And, honestly? Don't be afraid to color outside the lines.

I really love this coloring book. The pages are fun to color. The pictures are really well done; the book is wonderfully illustrated. I enjoy coloring pictures of people a lot. Sure I like a Mandela or an owl as much as the next person but what I love is people whether it be a mermaids, an angel, a warrior goddess or a steampunk princess. These pictures were fun to color. They were complex enough to be interesting but not overly complicated. All of the coloring pages are of steampunk women and I will say that after awhile they seem all a little bit repetitive. That's my only criticism, I wish there was more variety in the pictures. The paperweight is heavier than some of my other coloring books and I like that. Still I put a barrier between pages in case of bleed through. The pages are also perforated. Which I love. It's my favorite part! This is a really fun, beautiful coloring book. I'm really glad I bought it.

UPDATE: I am updating both of my recent Creative Haven reviews (the other one is the Owls book) due to the difficulty I am having with the ostensible paper upgrade. The paper is almost too slick to accept the liquid media that I use (such as Supertips and other slightly more expensive liquid media markers). Pencils may work on this upgraded paper, but that's not the medium I prefer. What I have realized by comparing the paper of these new books to my other Creative Haven coloring books bought last year is liquid media works best on a slightly more porous paper, somewhere between the porous quality of last year's books and the seemingly "slick" quality of this year's books. At least that is how it appears to me. This has nothing to do with the marvelous and consistently gorgeous Marty Noble designs; this is a Dover choice. (My previous review): Loved Marty Noble's other Creative Haven Steampunk coloring book, and this one is no exception! Interesting fashions, interesting designs and backgrounds with an all female fashionista cast. What I am also enjoying with the two new Creative Haven's I've recently bought (the other one was Owls) is the improvement of paper quality (smoother) along with the ease of removing the single sheets from the book (in last year's CH books the perforations were way too large and not closely spaced, thus making it a bit more difficult to tear pages out of the books). I am a huge fan of Marty Noble and look forward to anything she does, and I am pleased to add Steampunk Fashions to my growing stack of Dover coloring books. Can't wait to see what she and Creative Haven offers next (and there are quite a few new Creative Havens on the horizon for 2016 from what I can tell!)

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