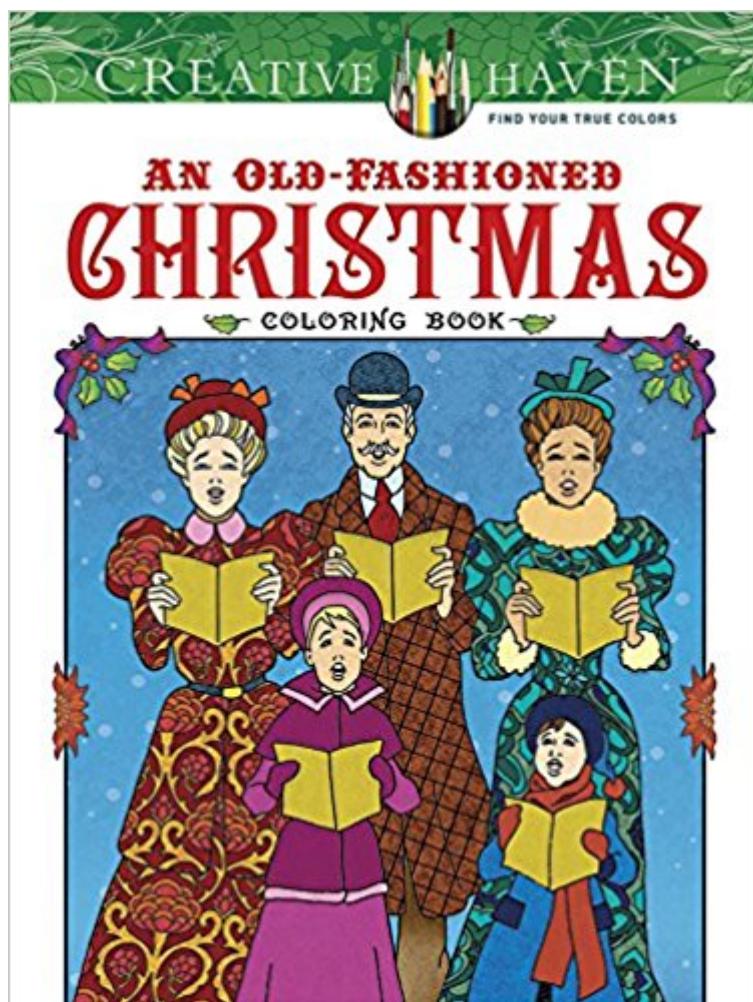


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# Creative Haven An Old-Fashioned Christmas Coloring Book (Adult Coloring)



## Synopsis

Rediscover the nostalgic charm of the most festive of holidays with these 31 traditional designs. Adult colorists can celebrate the Christmas season all year long with vintage scenes of bustling shoppers, carolers, candy canes, and, of course, jolly St. Nick. Pages are perforated and printed on one side only for easy removal and display. Specially designed for experienced colorists, An Old-Fashioned Christmas 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

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## Customer Reviews

The author of more than 60 Dover titles, Ted Menten specializes in illustrating children's books. He is particularly adept at capturing the charm of teddy bears — founder of the magazine *Teddy Bear Review*, he has written 19 books on the subject and conducts teddy bear-making classes around the world.

Christmas coloring books are something that I am always looking for. I like to find ones that have a different look and feel. An Old-Fashioned Christmas is one that I really enjoy. I like the vintage and nostalgic look to the designs with many of them having a Victorian age vibe to them. The designs in the book are detailed but without type of intricate or hard to color

areas. There is plenty of room in most of the elements to add blending and special embellishment touches. For my first project, I chose to do a design based on the Twelve Months of Christmas. It reminded me of a sampler I had cross stitched years ago. I'll post a photo of my first project as well as samples from the book. The designs range from Victorian characters to Santa to bells and poinsettias and much more. There are ornaments, wreathes, angels and even a partridge in a pear tree. I think it is a great all-around Christmas coloring book for anyone who enjoys an old-fashioned look and feel. This is what I experienced while coloring in this book and testing my coloring medium on the paper. I will list, in the comments section below, the coloring medium I use for testing and for most of my coloring projects. 31 Old-fashioned Christmas inspired designs with lots of variety in subject matter. Designs are printed one side of the page. Paper is typical for Creative Haven: white, medium weight, slightly smooth and has perforated pages. Glue Binding with perforations so you can remove them one at a time. The designs stop well before the perforations. Alcohol-based markers bleed through this paper. Water-based markers bleed through with colorful spots on the back of the page. Gel pens and India ink pens leave shadows of color on the back of the page. India ink pens can bleed through when I use more than one layer of color. Coloring pencils work well with this paper. I was able to use both wax and oil based pencils equally well. I was able to get good color and to get deeper pigment by layering the same color. I found that I could layer multiple colors and blend easily using a blending stick. Hard lead pencils leave dents on the back of the page. I usually use a blotter page under my working page to keep ink from seeping through but you can also remove pages from the book to color. I like card stock for my blotter page but a couple of sheets of heavyweight paper works as well.

Usually I find at least small issues that keep me from giving five stars. Not this time. This book has a wonderful assortment of pictures. None of them are very complicated or overly detailed. This is a good book for the whole family. Pictures are printed on one side only and are perforated for easy removal. The paper is good quality but not great. For it is no problem because I use pencils and have no trouble with bleed thru. I will color these pictures, write a message on the back, and send them to friends and family at Christmas. More personal than a card.

Another awesome Christmas adult coloring book I look forward to getting out this Christmas. Of course I had to color a few pictures to do a review, which seems very out of place since it is 98 degrees outside. I figured I wouldn't be disappointed in a Creative Haven adult coloring book and of courses I'm not. The paper quality is high like I expect from Creative Haven. I used gel pens on one

of the pages and there was no bleeding through. I also used fineliner pens on one of the lady's long old fashioned dresses, and there was just a little bit of color coming through with the darker colors like the red. So if your using fineliner pens you will need a piece of scrap paper under the pages you are working on. The coloring pencils looked good( they are always a good choice for any book). The pictures are printed on one side of the page, and are perforated so that is another way you could avoid damage to your page underneath, but then protect your work surface. The pictures themselves are cute and "old fashioned". There isn' t a lot of fine detail. In fact when I wanted to test the fineliner pens I could only find fine detail on the long old fashioned dresses the ladies wore(I only like to use fineliner pens on fine detail). If your looking for a coloring book that has old fashion pictures and not a lot of fine detail I really think you will enjoy this coloring book. I enjoy fine detail sometimes, but sometimes it' s nice to do a picture that don' t take hours too. Especially around the holidays when your super busy and just want to relieve a little bit of stress.

I have several Creative Haven books & they never let me down. I try many others & always come back to them for their quality & price. The artwork is always consistent whereas some other books look like they are clip art. The pages are printed on one side & they are perforated for easy removal. As with all coloring books, if you are using markers or gel pens you need to put blotter paper between the pages. Coloring pencils & crayons are fine. I love how the pages do not run into the binding or stop weirdly at the bottom with an unfinished edge. The images themselves are so much fun to color. I love the old-fashioned theme. There are pages that are more intricate & some that are less which makes it perfect for children & adults. I have included a few images from pages I colored using Copic markers & Sakura jelly rolls. I color for fun & relaxation, I am far from a coloring expert. I love to turn on the music & color away. I find I am more relaxed when I go to sleep & my mind is not racing with all the "to-do's" that need to be done.

THIS BOOK HAS SOME BEAUTIFUL PICTURES IN IT. PRINTED ON NICE WEIGHT PAPER TOO. LOVE IT.

I am really enjoying this coloring book. I am pleased with the paper quality and that pages are printed on one side only, and perforated for easy removal, if desired, I would buy this brand again.

Great coloring book EXCEPT I wish they'd make the pages to easily fit an 8x10" frame! That would make me give it 5 stars!

Creative Haven does such a great job on their color books. I have not received one that I did not like.

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