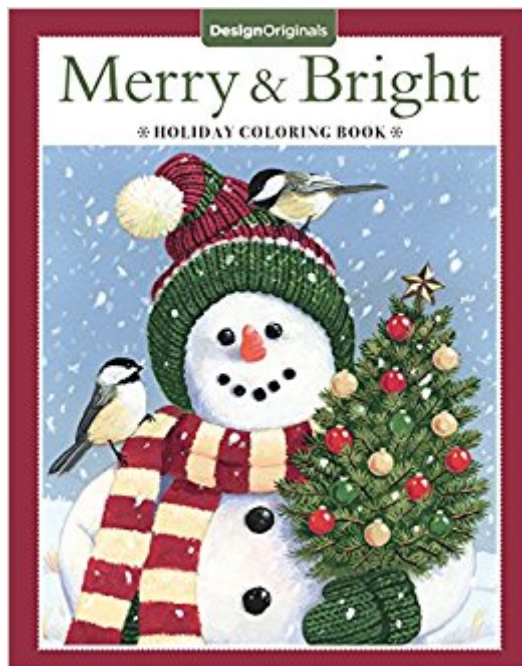


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# Merry & Bright Holiday Coloring Book



## Synopsis

It's snow much fun to color with this festive adult coloring book! These delightful holiday illustrations will make even the coldest of days merry and bright. 32 coloring pages, printed on one side only  
Inspirational Christmas quotes and uplifting holiday messages  
Perforated pages for easy removal  
Fully colored examples on inside back cover  
From snowmen and ice skates to quirky Christmas critters, this coloring wonderland is ready to decorate with markers, colored pencils, gel pens, or watercolors. Banish holiday stress from your mind as you focus on inspiring sayings and uplifting quotations. Featuring some of the finest coloring book artists on the scene today, Merry & Bright Holiday Coloring Book includes designs from Hello Angel, Jenny Newland, Robin Pickens, Thaneeya McArdle, and Valerie McKeehan. Printed on one side only of archival-grade, acid-free, 200-year paper, each page is perforated to detach easily for gifting or display. This book has earned the DO Magazine Artist Fair Trade Seal of Approval.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Professional artist Thaneeya McArdle is the author of more than 30 bestselling coloring books from Design Originals. Thaneeya creates colorful art in a variety of styles, ranging from abstraction to photorealism (with a special focus on creating vibrantly detailed art). Her artwork hangs in private collections around the world, and can also be purchased on t-shirts, puzzles, jewelry, coloring books, and more. Thaneeya shares her love of art at her popular art instruction [Art-is-Fun.com](#), with fun lessons and detailed information on drawing, painting and mixed media. Her site has received

over 32 million page views and counting. In addition to her passion for art, Thaneeya also enjoys travel, photography, reading, and learning new things. Chalkboard artist Valerie McKeehan is the author of the bestselling *Complete Book of Chalk Lettering: Create and Develop Your Own Style*. Valerie's artwork is sold throughout the world in various formats on everything from cards to candles. Her company, Lily & Val, works with nationally-recognized brands and has been featured in publications like *The Knot Magazine*, *HGTV.com*, *MarthaStewartWeddings.com*, *RealSimple.com*, and *Good Housekeeping Magazine*. Award-winning professional artist Jenny Newland is best known for her realistic, lifelike portraits of animals that she brings to life with colorful detail and sweet expressions. Her adorable puppies and kittens and beautiful wildlife paintings are created using her own unique style of combining acrylics with brush and airbrushing techniques. Jenny's art is licensed for greeting cards, banners, puzzles, prints, gift tins, mugs, designer fabrics, t-shirts and many other items that feature her animals. Jenny is able to capture the personalities of her adorable subjects so well, because she and her family are surrounded at home by four dogs, fifteen cats, and various farm animals. Robin Pickens is a licensed surface designer, illustrator, and graphic designer in sunny Southern California. Robin licenses her artwork for a variety of products including Christmas ornaments, fabrics, calendars, greeting cards, gift books, home decor, wall art, dishware, and more. She has previously worked as a broadcast television art director and animator. Angelea Van Dam aka 'Hello Angel' is soaring to new heights in the world of coloring. The talented artist behind 13 bestselling coloring books from Fox Chapel Publishing, Angelea is renowned for her intricate, hand-drawn, intriguing illustrations. Each of her designs comes with a little tangled inspiration, a bit of dot work, heaps of doodles, and oodles of imagination. Angelea is a self-professed creative explorer, dabbling in a number of creative pursuits but always returning to her true passion with ink and color. William Vanderdasson has had an extraordinary career. In the last 30 years, this versatile artist has become a popular illustrator, renowned for his realistic renderings of eye-catching, lovable animals. His illustrations have been used on greeting cards, wrapping paper, and multiple other products with great success.

“Merry and Bright” is the one of the two holiday coloring books by Designs Originals this year. Both books are collections from a variety of artists who publish books from Designs Originals. The artists include: Thaneeya McArdle, Angelea Van Dam, Robin Pickens, Valerie McKeehan, William Vanderdasson and Jenny Newland. Most (if not all) of the designs seem to have been published in each artist's own holiday books in the past or those about to be published. I own a few of those books but have no problems with the duplication of the designs,

especially as this great holiday coloring book is very affordable. Some of the designs are full size compared to medium size in their original books so I am pleased with that change. The designs are a really nice mix with lots of Christmas and holiday spirit. They range from cute line drawings to chalk-board style designs to detailed and intricate designs. It gives the colorist a really diverse group of designs to choose from and a good number of artists to try. This is what I found while coloring in this book and testing the paper with my coloring medium. In the comments section below, I will list the coloring medium I use for testing and coloring.

32 Full Size Christmas/Holiday Designs from a variety of artists

Printed one side of the page  
Back of page has journal lines and a quote

Paper is medium weight, white (though some are printed with black background), slightly rough and perforated

Glue Binding

Designs stop well before the perforations

Alcohol and water-based markers bleed through the page

Gel pens and India ink pens can spot through to the back of the page

Colored pencils work well with the paper. Both oil and wax based pencils provide good color, layer, and blend well. Hard lead pencils can dent through the page.

I use a blotter page of card stock or heavyweight paper (two sheets) to keep seeping ink and dents from marring the pages below. I recommend using a blotter or that you remove pages before coloring.

I have over 200 coloring books and this one is one of the best holiday one.

Great holiday images. Nice mix of fairly simple and highly detailed designs. Paper heavier weight and perforated with a nice quote on the back of each page.

I love this coloring book. I have so many stress and anxiety issues and this is yet another book that relaxes me and gives me smiles. It's a great book.

My friends' grandchildren love these coloring books so I bought several for a Christmas present, along with some nice colored pencils. I have looked at them as they arrived and feel certain the girls are going to love them.

This coloring book reminds me more of something for a child. It had some good pictures in it, but unfortunately a lot of the pictures don't have enough detail to make them really engaging. I would say it's a so-so book, but I wouldn't buy it again.

I really was happy with the Merry and Bright coloring book lots of nice pictures. Good job very

detailed Thaneeya Mcardle is my favorite artist

I feel like a kid again, only now I stay in the lines. lol So pretty when I finish them.

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