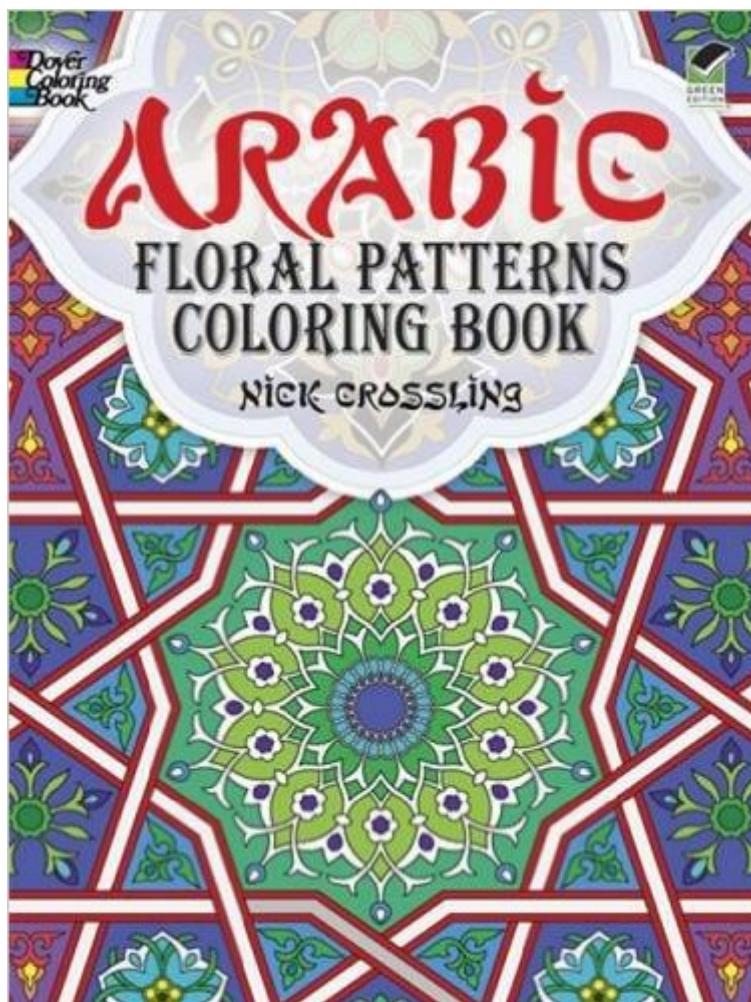


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# Arabic Floral Patterns Coloring Book (Dover Design Coloring Books)



## Synopsis

These 30 dynamic illustrations feature interlocking repetitive floral designs rendered in the distinctive style of Islamic art. Colorists and crafters alike will be inspired by the original motifs, which exhibit the hypnotic appeal of mandalas as well as quilt and tile patterns. The full-page images offer a wealth of imaginative coloring possibilities.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 11 years

Grade Level: 3 - 5

## Customer Reviews

The very beautiful Arabesque designs in this coloring book reflect traditional and highly precise geometric designs. These designs are equally mathematically precise and artfully pleasing. In the Islamic tradition there is no distinction between the natural world, mathematics and science. This art form is reverend in most mosques and is famously depicted throughout the ancient Alhambra in Spain. There is esoteric meaning behind every design that is still being understood by scholars and the like. The 30 designs in this book beg for bright traditional tiled colors. Some are mandala like and some are more of the Arabic tile look. All are just gorgeous. They can be carefully done with markers, colored pencils, gel pens and metallic pens or a combination of all of these. These do take more time to do because the patterns are very intricate and require more concentration than other mandala coloring books I have worked. The results are stunning and worth the time, effort and creativity. Designs are on medium quality paper, front and back. The work done on one page will

show through onto the next page. In particular, if you use alcohol markers, I suggest personal use copying onto heavy cover or card stock paper so there is no bleed through. This book is staple bound, so easy to carefully pull apart. Highly recommend if you are really into mandala coloring books.

I have purchased many "adult" coloring books with intricate designs made of many delicate areas to fill with color. This is one of my favorites. I use coloring as a means to help control chronic pain. No, it doesn't make the the pain vanish, but it entertains and requires concentration. This makes pain more bearable. I am a ninth grade science teacher. Several of my students have seen this book and are fascinated by it. It even appeals to 14 year olds and that is really a compliment. I have used high quality colored pencils, watercolor pencils, metallic pencils and india ink markers. All work well and do not bleed through.

I was so excited when i first received this book. Up until now my favorites have been "Paisley Designs", "Decorative Tile designs" and "mandalas". This ranks with them and please Dover produce more and more of this type of design coloring book because they are the best. I appreciate the company being "green" and as another contributor says copy or scan the originals onto better paper if you are not satisfied. I always do that when the designs are worth coloring in more than once as it is interesting to explore different color combinations and negative as opposed to positive aspects. Thank you Nick Crossling!!!!!!

I use Sharpies to color, as crayons are too thick for detail work, and colored pencils never seem to last around me. I put a piece of paper between the pages when I color so the color doesn't bleed onto the next page (although it obviously bleeds through the back). With this method, I really only get to color half a book. This is one of the few out of the dozens that I've bought that I plan on buying a second copy of so I can color those other pages! Interesting designs, not too complicated, and unlike a lot of other complicated coloring books like this, there aren't "mistakes" in the patterns - missing lines, broken patterns, etc. Highly recommend.

I really like the designs in this book. I would give it 5 stars, except that the pages are printed on both sides. That kind of limits the type of medium you can use. Markers would definitely bleed through. The designs range from wide open detail (perfect for crayolas even), and some more detailed. However they aren't as intricate as some other books. The most intricate page is the mandala that I

uploaded. I like this book when I'm looking for something I can complete in an evening. Here's a tip: Since they are double sided, I scan the pages in on a black/white setting. Then you can print them on heavier paper, or even watercolor paper.

I LOVE this book for my felt tip pens! The designs are awesome and intricate. Better have some fine, fine tips for this book as the outlines are fine so no room for error! I gave it a four star since you cannot use both sides when you are using felt tips....bleeds through to the other side and I have to use a backing paper to protect even the next page after the one underneath! I would not hesitate to buy it again however!

Awesome, inspiring and intricate designs to color. I have spent many hours coloring in this book with my Staedtler Triplus Markers, and regular felt tip markers, also from and also awesome. I love this book...only wish they were either on slightly heavier paper or printed on only one side. I have a little bit of bleed thru, not enough to matter if you're not hanging it on your wall though.

This coloring book is one of my favorites from Dover, it has a good range of easy to more difficult patterns. This is one coloring book I will probably buy another copy of once I fill it up. I highly recommend.

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