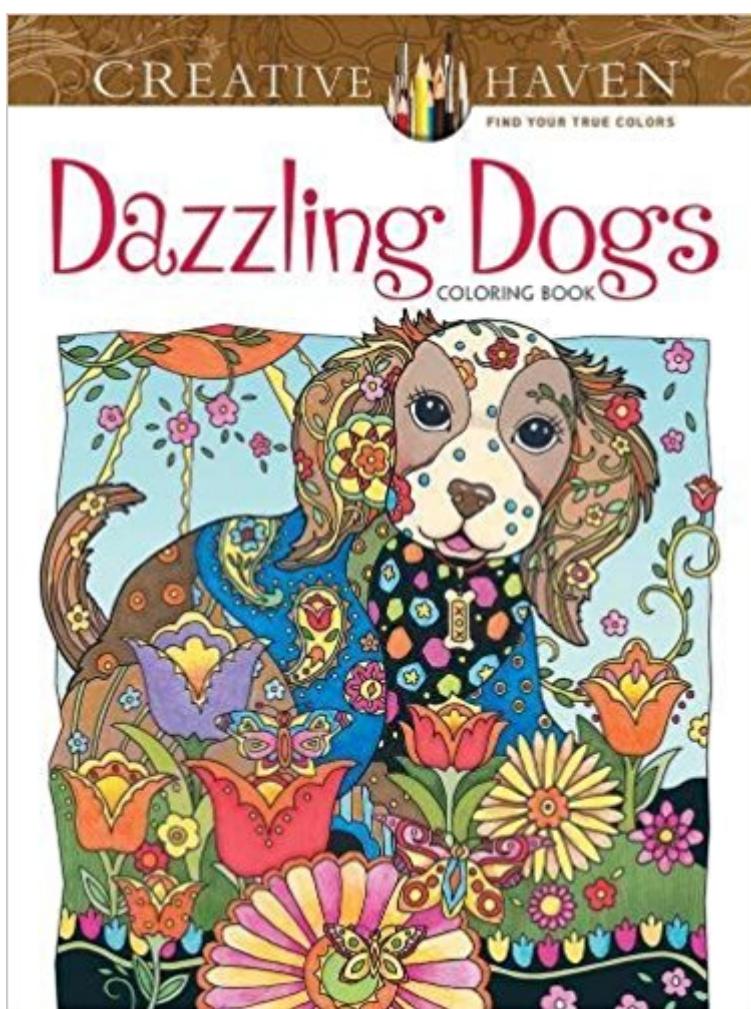


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# Creative Haven Dazzling Dogs Coloring Book (Adult Coloring)



## **Synopsis**

Thirty-one intricate portraits of pooches form the perfect coloring book for dog lovers with a taste for the fanciful. Flowers, paisley patterns, and other ornaments highlight pictures of dogs on road trips, digging fossils, and reveling in nature. Pages are perforated and printed on one side only for easy removal and display. Specially designed for experienced colorists, *Dazzling Dogs* 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**

Age Range: 3 and up

Series: Adult Coloring

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## **Customer Reviews**

Marjorie Sarnat is the author and illustrator of Dover's bestselling *Creative Cats* Coloring Book and *Owls* Coloring Book as well as more than a dozen other books on art and creativity. The Chicago native is an award-winning mixed-media artist whose fanciful coloring book style evolved from her love of patterns, which she developed in the course of her work as a textile designer.

I am a big fan of Marjorie Sarnat's animal coloring books. In the Creative Haven line, *Dazzling Dogs* is her third such book following her highly successful *Cats* and *Owls* coloring books. In this coloring book, once again Ms. Sarnat provides a wonderfully and whimsical look at the world of dogs. Her hand-drawn designs are highly detailed

with lots of fun coloring elements. So many of the designs take almost a collage look at each dog with items surrounding them to give you the whole picture of what that particular dog(s) is involved with. What is really nice about this book is that Ms. Sarnat chose to reflect a number of breeds of dogs which is unlike what I found with her Cats and Owls books. It makes for a lot more fun to color a dalmatian or a poodle as well as her more generic cute dogs. The designs are highly detailed but do not contain tiny elements that are hard to color. For my first two projects, I chose to do a fireman dalmatian (my grandson is crazy for fire trucks at the moment) and a gardening dog. I had a lot of fun with both designs and was able to color them easily using a variety of alcohol-based markers. I will include images of both as well as the two colored samples from the book. This is what I found in going through this coloring book: 31 Hand-drawn and Whimsical Dog Designs by Marjorie Sarnat. Printed on one side of white paper, the paper is white, slightly rough, and perforated. Glue Bound Designs stop before the perforation and have a frame or framing line at the outside edge of the design. Alcohol and water based markers bleed through this paper (alcohol bleed through quickly and water-based spots heavily depending on which type I use.) I use a piece of card stock under my working page to keep ink from leaking through. You can also remove each page at the perforation before coloring. Gel pens and India ink pens leave shadows of color on the back of the page. Coloring pencils work well with this standard Creative Haven paper. Soft lead lays down good color, layers and blends well. Hard lead pencils leave dents on the back of the page.

Marjorie Sarnat is easily one of my favorite artists and this fun coloring book is another great example of her best, and my favorite artwork style from this artist. This delightful coloring book is filled with illustrations focusing on one delightful big eyed dog or multiple dogs representing different breeds that draw you in, then through intricate interweaving and combining she adds captivating, unparalleled combinations of adornments embellishing the backgrounds, scenery, borders, and even the animals. Her art is imaginative, original and dazzling in conception. Every themed illustration will inspire your creativity and kick start your imagination. The cover picture is included in this book and is representative of all the images. If you like the cover picture, you will want to color every single, delightful illustration in this book. This is her third Creative Haven coloring book in this delightful animal series and the fourth coloring book she has published in this charming, whimsical, hand drawn style each featuring delightful big eyed animals. If you love this book you might also like her first 3 Creative Havens: Cats, and Owls, plus her self-published, Pampered Pets, all three filled with charming big eyed animals. This book is a perfect gift for school aged children and adults, colorists of all ages and for family time coloring. 1.31 illustrations printed one per page (the back of

each page is blank) on bright white, medium weight paper. Each page is perforated for your convenience.2. This paper, typical of Creative Haven coloring books is a joy to color on, Crayons, Colored pencils, Watercolor Pencils, Markers and Gel pens lay down smoothly and brightly.3. Most markers bleed through the pages, I just place a buffer page under the page I am coloring to prevent damage to the next image.4. I love experimenting with colors in this book and simply coloring with markers, I am adding my first completed picture, I colored it with water based markers (Koi) and the second I am working on. I will add more as I color my way through this book, mixing and matching colors, while relaxing in my lounge chair.5. I am keeping this book in my personal coloring library and plan on ordering another one for my grandchildren to color when they visit.6. This book includes colored images to inspire you, these are on the front cover, back cover and inside both covers. I am uploading the two inside ones, and some of my other favorites from this book. You will find many breeds represented including Dalmations, Beagles, Poodles, a Blood hound, and a Spaniel, you will find little dogs, big dogs, puppies and even a wolf.

This is my 5th book from Marjorie Sarnat & she never lets me down. As soon as it arrived I dove right in & finished 4 pages on the same day. I normally only finish 1 page but I could not stop myself. I rarely find books that I could see myself coloring every single page. Normally a book has a few pages that do not interest me but that's not the case here. Each page is perforated & does not run into the binding. Each page has a border, which is a huge plus for me. I hate when the object just ends in a weird spot or it is only in the center of the page with nothing else to color. Some of the pages are more detailed than others. Some pages I could see kids enjoying. It could be a fun activity for the family. As with all books, use blotter paper between pages as markers & pens might leak through. I used Copics in these samples & I used the cover as my inspiration. I made a photo copy on to thicker marker paper as I like to color the same page more than once. Sorry for the dark streak along the edge, my copier is not big enough & I don't want to remove the pages. I relax when coloring & cannot wait for another night when I can turn on the radio or the ID channel & color away. What could be better than coloring adorable dogs, puppies, cats & so on?

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