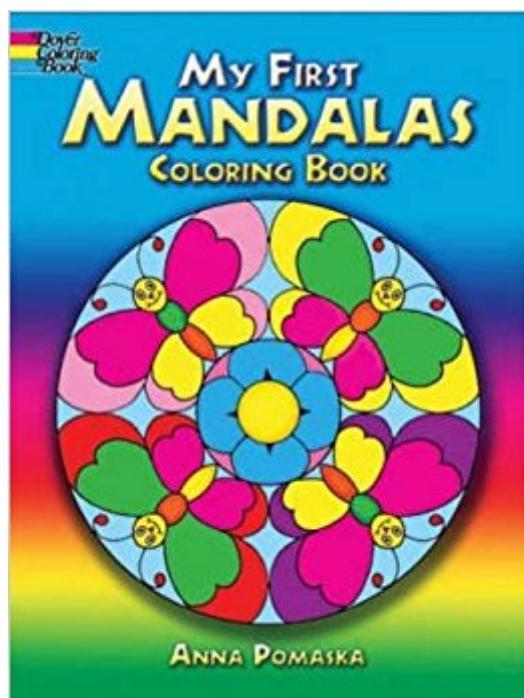


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# My First Mandalas Coloring Book (Dover Coloring Books)



## **Synopsis**

A Far Eastern design tradition symbolizing the universe and the movement of energy, mandalas feature symmetrically arranged patterns within their intriguing centers. This beautifully rendered book invites little artists to add their choice of colors to 30 large, simple re-creations of mystical mandala designs. Within each mandala's fascinating focal point are hearts, moons, suns, insects, unicorns, geometric designs, and much more. When complete, each beguiling illustration will surely dazzle the eye of every beholder!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

Good book but the shapes are not so intriguing for my kid (5yr old). I was hoping to see more butterfly and some cute butterflies (on Cover page) and other such but...Don't get me wrong this can interest a little older kids. I wish I was able to see all pages be in low resolution or tiny pic (to prevent printing) before the purchase.

It is a good book for young kids just learning to color mandala style. The pictures are not as detailed as the adult mandala books, but do help kids to use their imagination and use different techniques of coloring. Both my girls ages 5 and 7 both enjoy them. It does help them practice coloring within the lines. The pictures are back-to-back, so not really made to hang up afterwards.

I guess I didn't realize this was going to be a one page book and it is pretty large. Some of the word choices are a bit different than you see on most ABC related listings (e.g. Sun for S, Jack in the box for J, moon for M) which is refreshing. This is a very nice high-gloss sheet for how thin it is, and the stickers are decent and have a thicker quality to them. One thing I really like about the stickers are there are no small sections to them, like an arm sticking out or a string sticking out. This will lessen the likelihood of my toddler ripping the sticker in half while trying to get it off the page. I have a hard time with letting her take out delicate stickers in some of her other similar books and so then I have to peel them for her and she's missing out on part of the fine motor development activity. These stickers are all well outlined if that makes any sense. I don't really like that this book is so tall because it is less convenient to tote around which is partly why I knocked it down a star. I also don't like that the seam or fold in the book is right through the middle of some of the letters. Otherwise this is perfect for its purpose; it gives us a chance to take about items and their beginning letters and sounds, it helps with fine motor in placing and peeling stickers and helps with spatial relation development with matching the sticker up to the blank spot. We've used this a couple times now and the stickers are holding up and still sticking so I've gotten my money's worth I think.

This is a fantastic book of Mandalas for children who are not yet ready for more sophisticated mandalas. It was hard to find a book of "easy" Mandalas and this fits the bill just great. The one thing I did not anticipate is that the mandalas would be based on typical drawings such as hands, hearts, etc instead of being more free form templated designs. Still works, though!

I am a children's therapist and offer this book to color while we talk. Most of them really like it and it is helpful to relax them when they are talking to me.

My grandchildren always want to color in my adult coloring books, but I never let them because of the complexity of design. I know that they will get frustrated and quit. Coloring is meant to be fun and relaxing, so these pictures are good for young hands, brains, coordination and not so difficult but just perfect for youngsters. Also, if you are an adult just starting out in coloring, these would be good for a starter set along with some good colored pencils or crayons. The designs are fun and crying out for some color!!!!

My grand daughter, 7, loves being able to color alongside me with colored pencils when she visits.

These are big enough that you could use crayons also. I got crayola twistables which seem to be just right for the size of these mandalas.

Love the size of the pictures to color. Some coloring books have tiny-tiny places to color; but, not this one. I took it to show my 95 year old mother and she liked it. I told her I would order one for her and she asked if she could just have that one, so I gave it to her and came back home and ordered me a new one. If you want to have some larger pieces to color, this is the book for you. I'm trying out different coloring themes/schemes....complementary, triadic, analogous....and this is the perfect book to try those schemes.

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