

How To **Easily** Create Your Own Coloring Book Using Rubber Stamps!

Coloring books have always been an easy creative outlet for children to practice control and color combinations, but now adults are needing the peaceful creative outlet in a stress-filled world and so have turned to the simplicity of their childhood but on a more advanced scale. And the art world has accommodated with producing as many varied coloring books as possible.

But coloring books can be limiting because sometimes the paper it's printed on is substandard especially for alcohol markers or watercolor, and can be printed on both sides! What if you like both pictures and color one side and it shows through to the other side? So then you have to copy it on a printer to get both pictures or using better paper/card-stock, and if you've ever printed a page off of a book you know what an annoying hassle that can be!

WHY limit yourself to their printed book that might or might not work???

DIY—MAKE YOUR OWN COLORING BOOK WITH RUBBER STAMPS!!!

It is so much FUN to Do It Yourself, & you probably already have a stash of stamps! First, go through your craft room, inventory the rubber stamps you have, & you can start with those but consider getting a few NEW ones to excite and inspire you to ACTION!

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN COLORING BOOKS

1. Buy a 'D' 3-ring Binder, 'D' rings let the papers or page protectors lay flat, 'O' rings curl the edge. 1 or 1.5 inch binder spine is easiest to handle and store. Get a binder with a clear front sleeve, decorate a page, load it in the front-top and have a fancy coloring book front 'cover'.
2. Use top loading page protectors, you can put one or two pages back-to-back and switch them around easily. You could just color a page and using a paper punch to put them in your book but it could ruin the look of your pages.
3. Flexibility! You can easily arrange your pages however you want, to create a 'flow'.
4. Now it's time to create! Get the right card-stock that will work best with the medium you choose to color with, and with your rubber stamp designs, ink stamp a picture to color.

SEVERAL DIFFERENT STAMPING OPTIONS:

- Stamp one large image in the center and color.
- Using several in a theme (example: Easter images) to make a picture to color.
- Masking; Get a few stamps with easy to cut edges, stamp a piece of paper, cut it out, now stamp the card-stock, put the cut-out over it then stamp another stamp partially on top of this and on the card-stock so the 'mask' blocks part of the image and makes it look like the 2nd stamped image 'behind' the other one. You can do this several times for a fun dimensional effect.
- You can stamp White card-stock and color it then cut it out, glue it onto a colored or printed piece of card-stock, and do more if you want.
- Stamp a colored piece of card-stock all around the edge, stamp and color an image, example: a flower, glue it in the center of the 1st piece 'framing' the flower image.
- Use an image that you could layer. Using the stamp several times on white card-stock, color the main (base) piece, then color parts of the other images, cut them out & glue or use glue dots & attach them to create a dimensional picture.
- Stamp several pretty images of like things, example: flowers and butterflies randomly. Color the with perky colors.
- Holly Berry House Originals Medallion Art Stamps are GREAT for this technique: Stamp the medallion stamp in the center of the card-stock and color it, then stamp several images on a

different piece, cut away a little of the outside line design and color it and glue it on in the corner. Keep doing this, cutting off a little more of the design and color it and glue it on in a blank space until you have the page full. You can overlap them to fit them on or have them hang over the edge, and cut off the over hang. DRAMATIC EFFECTS!!!

- You can stamp and color piece then cut the page a little smaller (example: 1 inch on each side), then glue it onto another piece of card-stock for an instant frame!
- Also, if you don't like what you did, just throw it away and stamp another piece. No worries and NO MORE LIMITS!!!

These are just a few suggestions to create a One-Of-A-Kind Coloring Book by YOU!!!

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