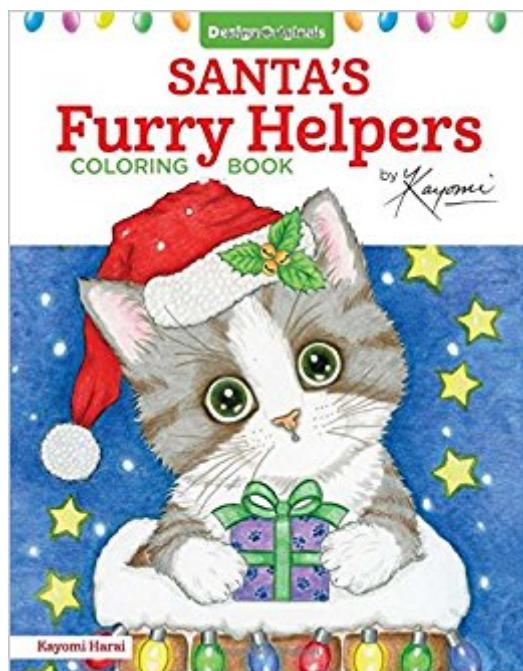


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Santa's Furry Helpers Coloring Book (Design Originals)



Synopsis

If you love cats and you love Christmas, get ready for hours of relaxing creativity! The expressive-eyed furry friends depicted in the artistry of acclaimed illustrator Kayomi Harai have a wonderful way of capturing hearts. Now her delightful felines are even melting Santa's heart in this adorable Christmas coloring book. Kayomi presents dozens of festive yuletide kitties, ready to color with markers, colored pencils, watercolors, or gel pens. Readers will recognize these same black & white coloring pages from Kayomi's Santa's Kitty Helpers Holiday Coloring Book. In Santa's Furry Helpers Coloring Book she adds to the magic with beautiful full-colored sample pages, plus helpful advice on coloring style, techniques, and backgrounds. Each design is printed on one side only of archival-grade, acid-free, 200-year paper. Each perforated page detaches easily for gifting or display.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Award-winning professional artist Kayomi Harai worked as a commercial art illustrator and animal portrait artist in her native Japan before moving to San Jose, California. Known for her watercolor paintings of bright-eyed cats in precarious situations, her lifelike artistry has captivated collectors for years. Her works have been exhibited around the world, and are licensed in collectible plates, figurines, puzzles, t-shirts, prints, posters, and greeting cards.

This is the second of two coloring books I have purchased by Kayomi Harai. She is a self-taught

artist who does beautiful paintings of kittens. The designs in this book are line drawing interpretations of some of those paintings. I really like the whimsical styling of the cats. Their poses and expressions are adorable. They also seem to get into some silly hi-jinks along the way (just as my cats did over the years.) Unfortunately, once again, the publisher Designs Originals has reduced the size of ten of the designs in this book. It has been done in order to include the coloring information that was used to color the sample of the design. While I like that information, it could easily have been included on the page that showed the sample design and then the coloring page could have been left full size. Because of this issue, some of the elements in the reduced designs are more difficult to color. Also because of this issue, I have dropped what would have been a five star rating on this book to a four star rating. There are many pages, at the front of the book, with coloring hints and colored samples of designs as well. This is what I experienced while coloring in this book and testing the paper with my coloring mediums. 32 Santa Helper Kitten designs. 22 full size and 10 reduced size designs. Designs are printed on one side of the page with cute quotes and journal lines on the back of the page. Paper is medium weight, white, slightly rough and perforated. It is also noted as acid-free archival quality. Glue Binding. Designs stop before the perforations. Most of the designs have framing lines at the outer edges. Alcohol and water-based markers bleed through the page. Gel pens and India ink pens leave shadows on the back of the page. India ink pens can spot through as well depending on how heavily they are applied. Colored pencils work well with the paper. Both oil and wax based pencils provide good color, layer the same or multiple colors well, and blend easily using a blending stick. Hard lead pencils can dent through the page. I like to use a blotter page below my working page to keep seeping ink and dents from marring the pages below. I use card stock but two sheets of heavyweight paper work well, too. You can also simply remove pages before coloring to keep the rest of the book in good condition as well.

Santa's Furry Helpers is the first coloring book that has lines that are done in heavy black ink so the lines when finished blend into the background. It is an effect that at first I wasn't sure if I would like it. Seeing the finished product changed my mind. Included in this book are: +6 pages of instructions +22 full page designs on one side of page + perforated pages + all 32 kittens are charming designs that will appeal to cat lovers of all ages. -10 pages total of finished designs, many of them in reduced scale. For a total of 28 designs some 3 per page. -10 reduced size pages with color guides. These pages were already shown finished in reduced size not caring for the new practice by Design originals. Overall a nice book. I liked the majority of the book.

Summary: "Santa's Furry Helpers" contains 32 colorable illustrations and 17 pages of introductory/instructional material. It measures approx. 8.5 x 11 inches and is glue bound into a laminated cover. Featuring adorable Christmas cats, this book is appropriate for adult colorists on all skill levels. Paper: The paper in this book is bright white and about twice the thickness of standard copy weight. All pages are perforated and feature artwork on one side with a short quote and blank lines on the reverse. Dry mediums are okay to use, but any wet products may have bleedthrough. As always, be sure to place several blotter sheets under your current picture to prevent unwanted color transfer. Artwork: As implied by the title, the main focus of this book is kittens in Christmas settings. Inside you'll see a variety of themes: angels, Santa Claus, snowmen, stockings, sleigh rides, and more. Most of the images are full size, but there are approx. 10 included that are half size with a suggested color palette on the bottom. Detail level varies throughout, and print quality is nicely done. All artwork does end well before reaching the perforation, so removing pages shouldn't be an issue. Picture completion time should range from 2-7 hours (may be slightly different for each individual). Overall, this is a sweet book of festive artwork. It would be best suited for colorists who enjoy cute, imaginative imagery.

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