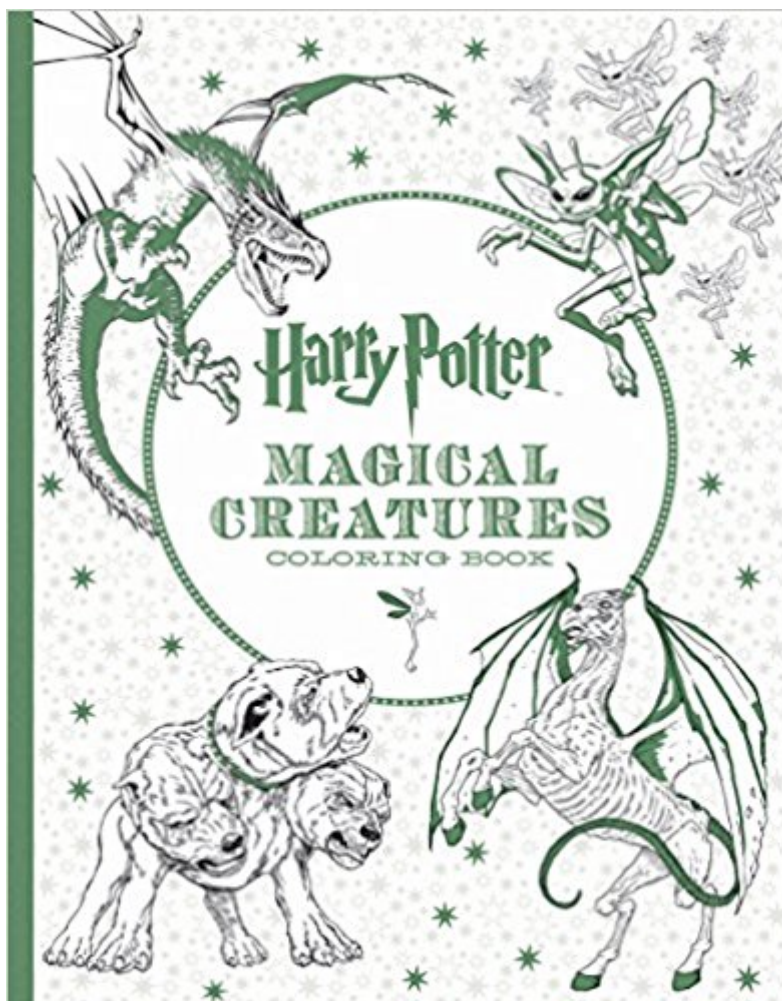


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# Harry Potter Magical Creatures Coloring Book



## Synopsis

House-elves and merpeople, Cornish pixies and dragons--the wizarding world is populated by an unforgettable cast of magical beings and extraordinaryÃ A beasts. Filled with detailed illustrations inspired by the Harry Potter films, this coloring book presents the creatures of the Forbidden Forest, the Great Lake, andÃ A much more. Relive favorite scenes like Harry, Ron, and Hermione's escape from Gringotts on the back of a dragon and explore intricate creature-themed patterns in this interactive journey through the wizarding world. Also included is a selection of stunning concept art and film stills from the making of the Harry Potter films to stimulate your creativity.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 and up

Grade Level: 3 and up

## Customer Reviews

Attached to this review will be a silent flip-through of the entire coloring book so you can make an informed decision as to whether or not it will work for you. Rather than discuss how this is like or different from the books and/or movie series except to note that the iconic images seem to be taken primarily from the movie, I will discuss only how I feel about it as an adult coloring book. The book is illustrated by a variety of artists and it shows. Some of the designs are simply drawn and some are complex, a few with small intricate details that may be difficult to color. I am really glad that they did not over draw the faces with too much detail as I will be able to add my own blending (this was a problem with the recent Sherlock coloring book.) Some of the designs are quite heavy on black

spaces. I would have preferred to put in myself. Otherwise, the designs are well done artistically. They have included glossy pages at the end of the book perhaps so we can know what colors are to be used or simply as a fun addition to the book. The book is printed on both sides of off-white heavyweight and non-perforated paper. A good number of the designs are printed across two pages and merge into the bind (which is glued rather than sewn.) I did a count and this is what I came up with: 40 one page designs, 4 of which are "wallpaper" repeating patterns; 19 designs spread across two pages 5 of which are wallpaper style designs. Unfortunately, a good many of the iconic scenes were in the ones that were spread across two sheets. I was able to bend the binding enough to get the book to lay flat and found that the pages lines up very well and I didn't lose any of the picture into the binding itself. What was weird for me is the smell of the book. I can only think that it is the ink and/or the paper but I had several individuals smell it and we all said it was reminiscent of mildew. I've bought inexpensive paperback books in the past with the same odor and I have never been able to figure out what it is. It is not mildew but it kind of smells like it. The smell is present inside and also on the cover. If you are sensitive to scent, you may want to take this into consideration. I tested my coloring tools: all markers bleed through though Staedler triplus fineliners merely left a shadow of color rather than full ink but you could tell what the color was from the back of the page. Gel pens did not leak through but again, there was a very light shadow. The paper did well with various coloring pencils. In the end, the fact that ink could leak through and the pages were printed doubled sided was enough for me to take away a point. It forces me into coloring pencils of losing part of the book. I wish the book had perforated paper but I don't detract for that. The odor well, that may be only a few books, so again, I won't take away for that but do check to see if yours has a similar smell.

The pictures are detailed and I believe I will enjoy coloring them. I just got the book and haven't had a lot of time to look at it completely but it seems that there are color photos in the back to show what the creatures look like in the movies.

I love these books. Yes they are double sided, non-perforated pages. For me that just means I got to experience more with colored pencils. That's a plus. As far as the pages sprawling across 2 pages being uncolorable I find that false. A lot of people are complaining about the merperson page. I've attached a picture of my finished one.

So I am a self-proclaimed Harry Potter nerd, so when I heard about these coloring books I immediately pre-ordered them ALL. Now I did get this a little late, a couple days after the release date but that was okay with me I didn't absolutely need it that day. This coloring book is made of super high-quality paper (I'd say about 28lb) and gold embellishments make this more "grown up". There are color pictures towards the end that you can use for reference if you need to. I counted 82 coloring pages and 16 color pages, although I may be off by a page or two. There is a good variety of pattern coloring and portrait coloring. Overall I am so impressed and this is the perfect gift for any potter-heads you know :)

Loved this book as soon as I saw it!...but then I started flipping through the pages! One looks like a 3 year old drew it and the other is a double page of dancing, nipple pierced trolls! What!?! There's main characters that don't even have double pages but these ridiculous trolls do?

I will attach a silent video to this review (as well as a few sample photos of designs) so you can decide if it this coloring book is one that will work for you. This is the first Harry Potter Poster coloring book. There have now been three regular coloring books in this line and the poster book is based on the first two books *Harry Potter Coloring Book* and *Harry Potter Magical Creatures Coloring Book*. I feel that each of the books could have merited their own poster books, such as the ones that have been done for *Secret Garden* and *Enchanted Forest*. A few of my favorite designs from both books are included; however, I feel that they included a few too many "wallpaper" repeating designs rather than putting in some of the more iconic scenes that were spread across two pages in the original books. There are so many designs I would have preferred but that is only my taste in the artwork. While I was a little disappointed, I won't detract a star in my rating as the artwork that was included was done extremely well. I really appreciate this format for coloring books. The paper is much more heavy weight though I call it a medium weight card stock. It could certainly stand up well to being framed if you so choose after you color it. The size is also great for framing at 14 x 11 inches. I tested the poster book with a wide variety of coloring medium and will provide my test results in the overview below. I'll also include a list of the types of medium I tested in the comments section following this review. Here is the what I discovered about this coloring book during tests and coloring in it: 20 Harry Potter Designs 14 x 11 inch utilizing artwork from existing Harry Potter Coloring Books. Designs printed on one side of the white medium weight slightly smooth card

stockGlue Bound to inner cover with the type of binding that allows you to remove pages in whole by carefully pulling them off (think of a notepad) except the first page of the book which is perforatedExtremely well-printed with crisp linesAlcohol-based markers bleed through slightly on this paper. The worst were Copics which are fairly free-flowing. Even those only came through in spots and did not stain my blotter sheet below. All others were bleed through to a lesser degree.Water-based markers, India Ink pens, and gel pens did not bleed through this paper at all.Coloring pencils worked well with this paper. I found that my oil-based soft lead pencils blended better than the wax-based but both layered very well. Hard lead pencils put down good crisp color and did not dent the back of the page.I am extremely pleased with this coloring book except I wish more of my favorite scenes were included. Perhaps those will make the cut next time. I wish the publishers would consider a poster book for each of the coloring books and less of the wallpaper style designs. Apart from those wishes, I am impressed with this book and will enjoy coloring in it. I've already purchased a second copy for a family member and will consider more of these as great gifts.

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