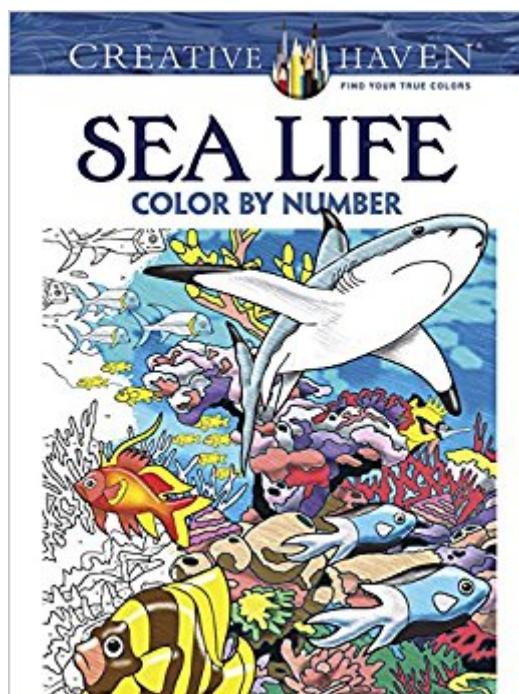


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# Creative Haven Sea Life Color By Number Coloring Book (Adult Coloring)



## **Synopsis**

Sea turtles, coral reef-dwelling fish, dolphins, and other marine creatures swim through these full-page pictures. Colorists can achieve realistic effects and perfect shading with the help of lightly printed numbers that correspond to a simple color key. Pages are perforated and printed on one side only for easy removal and display. Specially designed for experienced colorists, Sea Life Color by Number 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**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Over 45 Sea Life Designs to Color by Number Sea turtles, coral reef, and other marine creatures swim through these full-page pictures. Colorists can achieve realistic effects and perfect shading with the help of lightly printed numbers that correspond to a simple color key. Specially designed for experienced colorists, Creative Haven® coloring books offer an escape to a world of inspiration and artistic fulfillment. Perforated pages printed on one side only for easy removal & display. Find your true colors with Creative Haven® and hundreds of other coloring books: [www.doverpublications.com/CreativeHaven](http://www.doverpublications.com/CreativeHaven)

Montreal-based illustrator George Toufexis has worked as an art director, creative director, and illustrator/designer for some of Canada's top licensed product distributors. He has contributed to New York- and California-based publications and has published nearly 500 editorial cartoons.

This is an incredible coloring book; every single illustration is gorgeous and includes a large variety of sea life swimming gracefully through the sea or along the bottom of the sea. The illustrations look like you are diving in the world of marine life, right along side of the animals, plants and reefs that inhabit the Sea. Great for all ages who love the sea, but created with the experienced colorist in mind. This book was created for experienced colorists to create realistic illustrations worthy of framing. Made with heavy weight paper, allowing you to use different colored pencil techniques, and drawn in light gray so you can create a 3D effect by darkly outlining the closest subjects in the illustration you choose. The pictures fill the page, have a border, and are highly detailed. 1. 46 Full Page, bordered, exquisite underwater scenes, printed one per page, the back of each page is blank, on perforated paper for easy removal and printed on heavy weight, bright white paper. 2. This book uses 23 colors; Color number 1 is called black shadow. It is the same as black but used to darken the color above, below or next to it by overlaying, which ever number is closest to the number 1. 3. White is represented as a blank space. 4. Hard colored pencils are recommended for use in this book and you can use the color key on the front inside cover or choose your own colors, I am listing the colors from the color key here so you can copy and paste them if you want to: 1. Black Shadow, 2. Gray, 3. Black, 4. Blue Gray, 5. Brown, 6. Sienna, 7. Tan, 8. Orange yellow, 9. Medium Yellow, 10. Yellow Green, 11. Light Green, 12. Medium Green, 13. Dark Green, 14. Light Blue, 15. Blue Green, 16. Medium Blue, 17. Dark Blue, 18. Purple, 19. Violet, 20. Orange, 21. Red, 22. Magenta, 23. Pink, and 24. Azure.

This coloring book from Creative Haven is really great for those who like to color. This book is great for those just getting into coloring who want to learn shading techniques or who may be intimidated a little bit. It is a color by number book. All of the colors correspond to a number printed on the inside cover. The numbers are lightly printed in the picture. You can use that guide if you are a beginner or if you are an intermediate or advanced artist go off on your own. There are a lot of pretty amazing ocean life pictures to color. They all have about a half inch border, which is nice for those of us who don't like pictures that go the whole way to the edge of the paper. Each page is perforated for easy removal also. In some of my coloring groups I have heard people say they do not like the paper that Creative Haven uses to print their coloring books on, but I personally like it. I

find that it works well for colored pencils. I'm not really a marker or gel pen person so I really can't give advice on how well it works for that. I find that it is a medium weight paper, not too rough. All designs are printed on one side of the paper, which is great. I love to take my finished drawings out and use them to wrap small gifts or use for homemade greeting cards. The lines are dark and there is no guessing where one starts or stops. I can easily spend hours coloring each page, deciding on a color scheme and making sure each color is exactly where it should be. Coloring is my end of the day chore, to relax me. I love it. I would recommend this book.

I am happy with this purchase. The pages in this book have some fun sea life images. There is a color guide that will work with markers, crayons, watercolors, acrylics, or pencils, on the inside front cover (pictured). The paper is thin for watercolor, but will work for most mediums. I am using the Steadtler triplus fine dry safe markers. The caps match the color boxes on the inside cover nearly exact, however, I find that the inks in this line of pen do not match the caps very well. So, it can be frustrating depending on what you choose to use - personally, I don't care because I am coloring to feel better, not to make a fantastic piece of art. Face it, if I could do that, I wouldn't need a color by number to do it. The pages are scored so that they can be cleanly removed from the book, and colored on a clip board or other tool you may have. If you want to have a water color copy for yourself (No breaking laws and cheating the author! Copy for yourself only or it is not nice.), you can remove the page and copy onto a watercolor paper without having to bend the book and get shadows on the copy. I like that the pages come out cleanly since they ARE one sided, and this can eliminate possible bleed through that could ruin the picture under it. What is frustrating for an adult who has not colored in a while is that there are spots that have no number. I thought these spots should possibly be left white for that light effect on the fish or coral. But when I referenced the small colored photos inside the two covers, there are some spots that SHOULD be left white for highlighting, and the other spots were clearly just not numbered but needed to be colored. For this I have taken away a star. I felt that if I had given this to a younger child, they may have more experience coloring than I, and be fine with it, but for someone that hasn't colored in over 35 years, I was not sure what to do, so left the unnumbered areas uncolored. I have included two closeups where you can see some small and large areas not numbered. Some are shaded to remain uncolored, and some I colored in later. So just know that the small reference pictures are helpful for more than just "oh - that is what it looks like finished" ...or "what if I don't have the exact color; will it ruin the design?" - you will need to reference these pictures for, "do I color or leave white?". I think this is a great way to empty your mind because you are not perseverating on color choices in your mandala, you just

match the color and find all of those numbers. I catch myself repeating, "15, 15, 15,...." as I look around the picture to be sure I got them all with the same marker. Give the book or one of the others a try. It is really a nice experience, and an inexpensive gift. Because the pages are detachable, it can be a rainy/snowy - or no electricity time passer for the family to each get a page and color together.

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