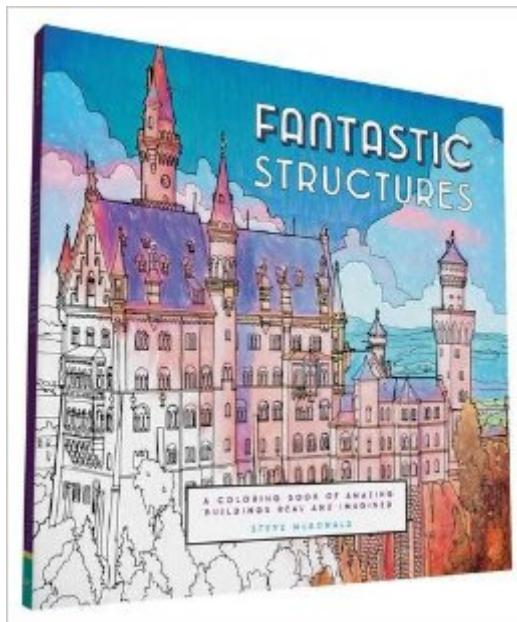


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Fantastic Structures: A Coloring Book Of Amazing Buildings Real And Imagined



Synopsis

In this eagerly awaited follow-up to the international bestseller *Fantastic Cities*, artist Steve McDonald uses his unique large-format approach working from actual photographs to create beautifully detailed line drawings of amazing buildings and other structures from around the world. The globe-trotting selection includes buildings from six continents—“including Prague’s Astronomical Clock, Russia’s St. Basil’s Cathedral, a Florentine bridge, a Romanian castle, an Indian palace, and many dozens more”—alongside fun-to-color details from iconic structures such as the Eiffel Tower, London’s Tower Bridge, and the Chrysler Building. The crisp white pages are conducive to a range of applications, and a middle margin keeps all the artwork fully colorable. A dozen imaginative architectural mandala illustrations round out this gorgeous adult coloring book.

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Customer Reviews

I purchased Steve McDonald’s first coloring book, “*Fantastic Cities*” • last year and that hooked me on coloring architectural designs. I’ve look for coloring books of the same quality but have not found one until Mr. McDonald’s “*Fantastic Structures*” • appeared. The coloring book is filled with 54 intricate and detailed architectural illustrations that will be great fun to color. The designs range from real to imagined. In some cases, Mr. McDonald has an illustration of a real building and then he does a riff on it with a mandala style illustration pinpointing some of the architectural details that make the building instantly recognizable. He has even included a run-way at LAX. As with “*Fantastic Cities*”, Mr. McDonald takes us on a trip around the world to see some outstanding

examples of unusual and/or iconic buildings. I will include a photo that has the long list of the buildings, etc. which are including in the book. For my first projects in this book, I decided to use Tombow water-based markers (as they did not bleed through the paper – see coloring mediums below.) I loved making the terminal at LAX into a color wheel. I've spent too much of life waiting for planes at LAX and I could only wish to be able to look out of the drab surroundings and see a beautiful rainbow of airplanes waiting to take me on an adventure.

Steve McDonald had a hit with his original coloring book *Fantastic Cities: A Coloring Book of Amazing Places Real and Imagined*: his drawings of architectural scenes from around the world were full of detail yet adaptable to a wide range of coloring styles, from the abstract or fanciful to more realistic cityscapes. His *FANTASTIC STRUCTURES* continues the same format – 60 slightly over-sized pages (not quite 12 inches square) on heavier weight paper for less chance of bleed-through from markers. The drawings can be colored with colored pencils or broad pointed felt pens, and they lend themselves to adding any level of detail and texture one wants to drill down to. Feel like adding in the individual stones in a castle's wall, reflections in the glass-clad skyscraper walls, or a sunset light and shadows on a cityscape? – go for it; the drawings invite your personal touch. Or enjoy them as color-field designs and block in your color schemes. As its name suggests, *FANTASTIC STRUCTURES* is more than just the buildings that were the subject of the previous book but there are still lots of buildings and cityscapes to work with here also, along with an interesting detail drawing of the Eiffel Tower, an elaborate clock face in Prague, and a massive greenhouse in Vienna. There are also some mandala-type designs and a few “fantasy” subjects to keep one occupied for hours. It's an excellent companion piece to *FANTASTIC CITIES*. You can check the *Fantastic Cities* Coloring Book Facebook page for more inspiration.=====Can't get enough Steve McDonald?

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