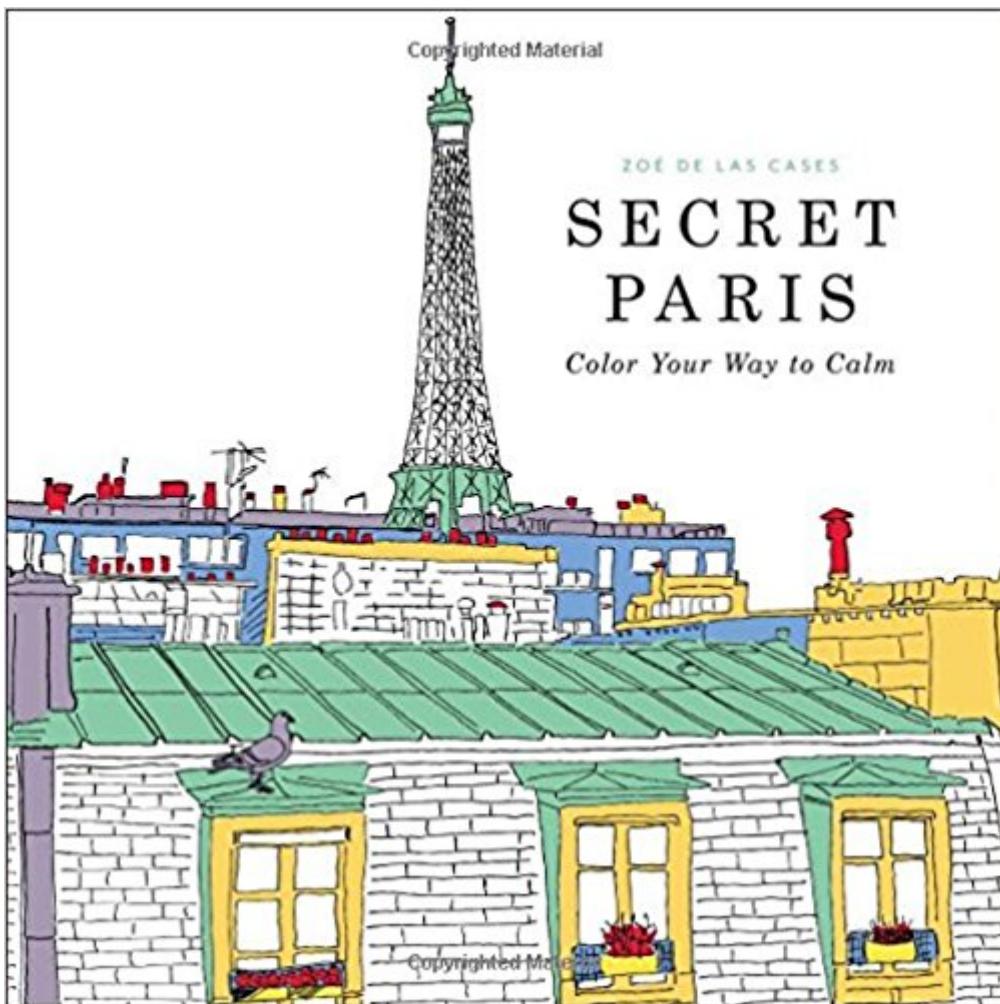


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# Secret Paris: Color Your Way To Calm



## **Synopsis**

A coloring book that will relax and inspire--all the while transporting you to the City of Light. Get your pens out, open this book, and discover Paris. Stroll the picturesque streets, cross the Seine, and live like the French do, in a world of bistros, flea markets, and opulent architecture. Feel the stress melt away as your inner artist comes alive. Appealing to all ages, this intricate coloring book will inspire and delight.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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First I want to let you know that of all the color mediums I have only colored pencils work well in this book, unless you want to sacrifice the picture on the back of the page you are coloring. My Fiskars Gel pens and Triplus fineliners both bleed through the paper, but there are an impressive 86 illustrations to color and colored pencils work beautifully on the paper. The illustrations are divided in basically 4 groups there are 16 full page detailed patterns both geometric and floral, 27 collage patterns that are my favorite and include shoes, hats, dresses, perfume bottles, glasses, ice-cream treats, coats, fish, teapots and many more. In addition to those you will find 25 architectural pictures of buildings, some close up and some street scenes, but that is not all there are another 18 illustrations of individual people, car, cup, bowls, feet, fish etc. This is a diverse collection with images that can be completed in an hour and some that will take a week. The art work has a hand

drawn look.1. This book is square and only (9 ½ x 9 ½") with 42 pages and 86 illustrations to color including the inside covers, printed on the front and back of each page, on medium weight, bright white paper.2. The illustrations in this book vary and include: 16 Full page patterns, 27 collage patterns, 25 architectural illustrations, and 6 people in poses from the back or covering their faces with miscellaneous items, 12 illustrations of individual items.3. All markers and Fiskars Gel pens bleed through the pages of this book, however you can still use markers and choose just one on each of the 42 pages to color and I will probably let my grandchildren use markers on some of the pictures.4. This book is perfect for colored pencils

So fun, whimsical. A little taste of Paris. Good quality paper. Definitely recommend.

This book is my current favorite (until Toyko & Paris arrive)! Fun & relaxing for me, & pretty exciting for elementary school girls (they loved the bikinis/bras & panties with various cosmetic items on the facing page. "Look at all the pretty dresses!") This artist does really gorgeous illustrations, (not too pristine, perfect or precious: my issue with the top-selling coloring book series). You can see from the front cover, the windows & bricks are drawn a little rough or rustic. The landscapes are a wee bit "rough" like this, & I mean this as a high compliment. I find it far more appealing and relaxing than the most popular coloring books :) It's a very cool book just to read in black & white. There are wonderful series of items to enjoy: assorted candies, insects, kinds of ice cream treats, cameras, sewing items, fruit, kitchen items, shoes, teapots, eyeglasses, handbags, sweaters, chairs, birds, and so on. Many of the "variety of items" pages face a huge single item from the variety, or a page of geometric patterns. Some of them face a page which depicts a landscape/landmark, or other outdoor scene (a row of houses, random city scenes). It's simply a fascinating book. I'm glad both sides of the page are illustrated. I use pencils & this presents no problem. The girls used Pipsqueaks markers which may bleed through a little bit, but what's the worst case scenario here? I have to buy another copy! I pre-ordered, & can't wait to get Secret NY & Secret Tokyo! I hope Zoe de Las Cases continues to crank out these wonderful books.

Charming illustrations, great for the adult to color or the french teacher to use for teaching vocabulary

I bought "Secret Paris" to give as a gift, so I can't say exactly what tools would work best for coloring. The book is 9.75 inches square. Illustrations are

printed on both sides of the paper, which is not flimsy, but I expect very wet ink, such as markers, would bleed through it. There are 87 pages to color. Printing on both sides of the page makes some sense, not only because it allows for more pictures, but often a large, less detailed picture is printed on the lefthand page and a collage of smaller, more detailed drawings on the same theme on the facing page. There are also 17 “wallpaper” designs featured on the lefthand pages, for those who like to color geometric patterns. The subjects featured in the drawings are of a quaint, feminine Paris. The artist, Zoë de las Cases, is an artistic director at a creative agency in the city. There are 23 pages of buildings, 11 of clothing, 8 of food, 6 of kitchen and household items, 2 of perfume bottles, 2 of birds, and collages of many other common items, like cameras, insects, and chairs. The larger drawings, especially those of buildings, are rendered somewhat imprecisely, like rough sketches. The level of detail varies, but it requires some creativity on the colorist’s part to give the buildings texture and detail, which may not appeal to everyone. The smaller drawings, usually presented in collages, are more intricate. The nice thing about the variety of styles and sizes is that, if you are in the mood to use big strokes, you can color the big pages, while the collages offer a the opportunity to color small details. If you want to color something intricate, try the floral wallpaper, cameras, or insects. The clothing is among the most detailed subject. I get the impression that the artist really enjoys drawing clothing and accessories. The small objects in the collages are nice, because they can be completed fairly quickly. If you would rather not embark on a big project, just color a fruit or a handbag. There is something for everyone here, in terms of size and style, which is the book’s strength.

This picture tells it all. It has all of my favorites covered- Secret Paris coloring book, padpillow and my beloved kitty.

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