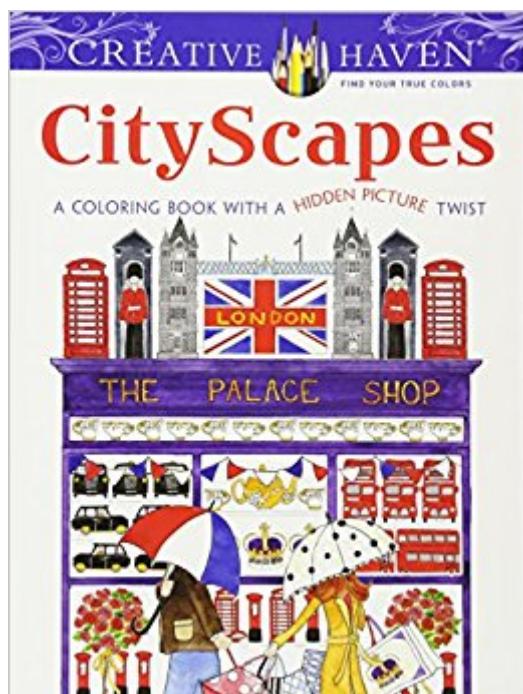


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# Creative Haven CityScapes: A Coloring Book With A Hidden Picture Twist (Adult Coloring)



## **Synopsis**

Twenty-eight dynamic illustrations offer snapshots of cities all over the world, from London, Paris, and Florence to New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. Hidden pictures make each page worth a second look! Answers are included. Pages are perforated and printed on one side only for easy removal and display. Specially designed for experienced colorists, CityScapes 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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Over 25 CityScapes to Color Twenty-eight dynamic illustrations offer snapshots of cities all over the world, from London, Paris, and Florence to New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. Hidden pictures make each page worth a second look! Answers are included. 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 and display. Find your true colors with Creative Haven® and hundreds of other coloring books:

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Alexandra Cowell has a university® diploma in Graphics and Illustration.® Hundreds of her designs are in print, and she feels very lucky to do a job® that she loves.®

This is a really great set of 28 city style designs which include one or more hidden images within each design. The cities are from all over the globe. The designs are by artist Alexandra Cowell. There is a fun vibe to each and every one of these designs. They should be a blast to color. The cities represented ( in order) in this book are: Amsterdam, Bangkok, Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Chicago, Copenhagen, Delhi, Edinburgh, Firenze, Hong Kong, Las Vegas, Lisbon, London, Hollywood, Marrakesch, South Beach (Miami), New York City, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, San Diego, San Francisco, St. Petersburg, Sydney, Vancouver, Venezia/Venice. I've visited a number of these cities during my lifetime and the ones that I haven't would be ones that I wish I can visit at some time. Until then, coloring them will be a great first step. The designs all show a scene depicting something that is generally thought of when considering that specific city. For instance, San Francisco shows Lombard Street with its twisting and turning downhill plunge. Las Vegas shows a bunch of slot machines with a wild sky-scape in the background. London shows the Palace and shopping fun along with umbrellas for the good chance of rain. At the front of the book, there is a listing of which hidden design features are included and how many of them are spread throughout the book. At the back of the book, there is a key which shows which elements are in each design and where they are located. I would list the hidden elements but I think that would take away the fun of looking for them while you are coloring. Some of the designs have tiny details that I think I will have to use my magnifying lamp with. This is mostly for my vision. There is nothing that can't be dealt with with a very sharp pointed pencil or ultra fine nib/point on a pen. I'm not sure if I will try to emphasize the hidden elements or try to blend them in so that others can have fun looking for them, too. I think I may pick up a second copy of the book and do each design with the element emphasized and then again, with the elements hidden. The designs are really lovely, so it will be fun to color them more than once. I will use a variety of colors and pencils and pens. It will mostly be on a case-by-case basis as to what I feel is right for each design. There are 28 designs in this coloring book. As with all of the Creative Haven books that I have used in the past, these are on a bright white page that is a fairly heavy stock. The designs are printed on one side of the page only and the edges of each page have good perforations which make it easy to remove from the book. All of my gel pens and markers bleed through on Creative Haven books and this book is no different. I use freezer paper in between the sheets (if I am keeping it in the book) or under the page if I remove it from the book. I find that it works well for me. You can also put multiple sheets of heavy stock paper in between if you don't have freezer paper handy (it is sold at most grocery stores and is fairly inexpensive and can be reused.) I recently have started coloring adult color books as a way to

relieve the stress of the day. I find that the effect of this is similar to meditation which is not surprising as it uses the same part of the brain in both instances. These are a great set of designs that should be fun to color. I plan to look up facts about each city as I color. Finding the hidden elements just adds another dimension the coloring enjoyment for me.

Interesting variety, printed on one side and perforated for removal. Cities include: Buenos Aires, Sydney, Rio de Janeiro, Vancouver, Hongkong, Shanghai, Copenhagen, London, Paris, Delhi, Firenze (Florence), Rome, Venice, Marrakech, Amsterdam, Lisboa (Lisbon), St. Petersburg, Edinburgh, Capetown, Barcelona, Bagkok, Chicago, Hollywood, LasVegas, Miami (See photo), New York, San Diego, San Francisco. Note that the name of the city is worked into the design. Also these are a mix of collages of common features and what could be a stree scene in the city. The artist doesn't pick the "obvious" or signature landmark for a number of the cities which to me is a plus but for others may be a minus. Bangkok, for example, is a scene of the floating market rather than a temple. and Chicago is the magnificent mile rather than the usual skyline. Paris does have the eiffel tower but "in the distance" and up close is a typical street scene. I wish only that it had a table of contents so I could find the city I want more easily.

I'm really happy with this newest entry from Creative Haven. The artwork is very nice, with a lot of detail as well as a few with more "open" designs. As with all Creative Haven books, this one is printed on good quality paper, on one side only, and the pages are perforated to allow for removal to make coloring easier. This also makes it easier to use any coloring medium you choose: colored pencil, alcohol markers, water-based markers, gel pens, etc. Yes, markers (especially alcohol markers) will bleed through but since there's nothing on the reverse, you needn't worry about ruining another drawing. The choice of cities is interesting, too. There is an international representation, with cities from Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, North and South America. Each city name is worked into the design, sometimes right up front and sometimes more subtle. I also like "hidden object" twist: the small objects that have been hidden in the drawings -- various charms, critters, etc. They're very small, and not as easy to spot as you might think, although if you're coloring mindfully, you'll notice them. My intent is to color those with metallics (probably gel pens) as I find them. This is another good one from Creative Haven, which is becoming one of my favorite brands of coloring books (Dover Publications). Good stuff here!

I really like this book. The images are interesting and varied and the paper quality is good. The

pages are single sided to avoid bleed through and there is a good amount of colouring space in each picture. There aren't a ton of repeat patterns in this colour book, so it doesn't get boring after a few minutes. This would be a great gift for the person in your life who likes to travel, or for the one who wishes they could but can't manage it.

My best friend designs city layouts and asked for this as a gift. She really likes the book. I also have the book and it's ok. The pages are not very thick so if you are using markers, the ink will bleed through the pages.

A good book, on the whimsical side however. Some of the characters drawn are a bit too cartoonish for my taste but it's still a good book.

I really enjoy doing this one! It does have a few mistakes but nothing you can't fix!

It's not much like the description, but it was worth the money and fun to color some of the pages. I just happen to think if you name a book city scapes, that's what we should get inside of it. but overall it was good.

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