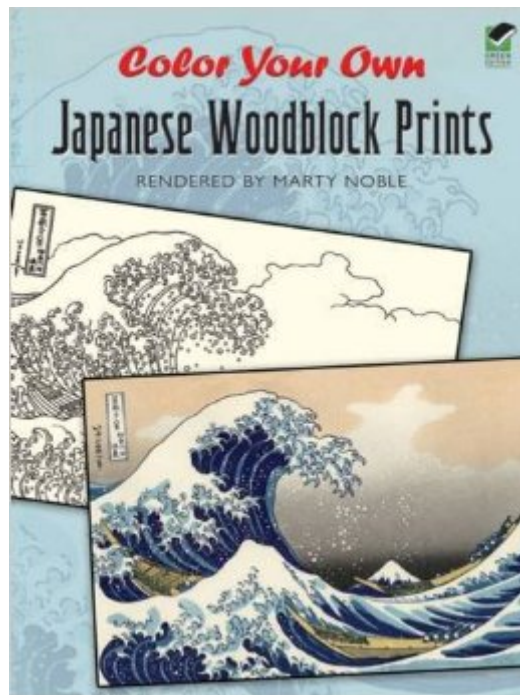


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# Color Your Own Japanese Woodblock Prints (Dover Art Coloring Book)



## Synopsis

Colorists of all ages will treasure this gallery of graceful courtesans, mountainous landscapes, scenes from Kabuki theater, and other images from the age-old art of woodblock printing. Full-page illustrations include works by such famous masters as Kunisada, Hiroshige, Utamaro, Eisen, and Toyokuni. Colorful reproductions of the original prints appear on the inside front and back covers.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 3 - 8

## Customer Reviews

Color Your Own Japanese Woodblock Prints was a spontaneous online purchase and it's a keeper. Even though it has a retail price point of \$4.99, there are some surprising (and quite nice!) design features. Color Your Own Japanese Woodblock Prints has glossy full-color front and back covers. The reverse sides of the front and back covers display full-color thumbnail images of the original woodblock prints – these images vary slightly in size, but most are 1.5 x 2 inches. You can use the thumbnails as a guide to be matchy-matchy with your color choices or just as inspiration for your own color palette. There are 32 pages with images printed on both sides of the page – and each coloring page is captioned to include the artist's name, life span, title of piece, and completion date. Marty Noble did a great job rendering the Japanese woodblock prints into line

drawings for coloring purposes. It's hard to explain, since I'm not familiar with the lingo, but sometimes when a line-drawing is created from a painting (or photograph) it ends up being too busy with there's too many EXTRA lines that indicate shade or depth or whatever and often those extra lines don't always appear natural. Noble's renderings are clean and uncluttered so you can add your own shading if you want. And while some of the designs could be described as intricate, you should have no problems getting the point of your colored pencil into some small spaces. The book's binding isn't fancy, it's saddle-stitched so folded sheets of paper are nested inside one another and then stapled through the fold-line with wire staples.

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