

## Create Your Own Coloring Page

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In this project you will use one of your own photos to create a coloring page that you can color in using any media (art supply) that you have. Follow the directions below to create the page.

You will need a printer or access to an already printed image to create this project.

### Supplies

- Photograph with simple subject matter (2 - 5 objects in the photo)
- Blank regular thickness printer paper (it needs to be thin enough to see through when held up to light).
- Window with bright, outdoor light
- Pencil
- Sharpie or other dark marker
- Scotch Tape
- Coloring media options
  - Crayons
  - Pastels
  - Colored pencils
  - Paint (watercolor or acrylic)
  - Collage (glue and scissors are needed for this option because collage is created by cutting shapes from paper and gluing into your defined coloring areas)
  - Mixed media (combination of any of the above)

### Process

- Outline the major shapes, areas in your photograph with a dark Sharpie marker. Do not draw too many details. Think of the photograph as being a page from a coloring book.
- Tape the outlined photo to a window with strong light coming through it.
- Tape the blank piece of white paper over the photo, aligning it with the photograph so that it is centered or from edge to edge of your blank paper.
- You should be able to see through the blank paper enough to trace your photo onto the paper using pencil. By using a pencil you will be able to check your drawing for any mistakes before drawing with a marker.
- After tracing your photograph with a pencil, remove the drawing from the window and place on a flat surface. Compare the drawing with your photo and adjust by erasing and redrawing where necessary.
- Now you are ready to draw over the pencil on the coloring page you are creating with a dark marker.
- Try to create a continuous unbroken line.
- When done, you now have a coloring page with clearly defined areas to color within.

- The manner that you approach completing your page is entirely personal. Here are some options:
  - Single color in each area, neatly filling in to the lines
  - Layered colors showing shadows or variations in surface area (example: textures)
    - Note: the example in the video used this technique and cray-pas (a form of oil pastels) were used to create the coloring.
  - Realistic detail if you are using acrylic or watercolor painting supplies
  - Abstracted where the shapes are just places to explore color without trying to recreate the original photo
  - Repurposed paper can be used for collage
  - Mixed media allows you to combine approaches and art materials.

Most of all...have fun!!!