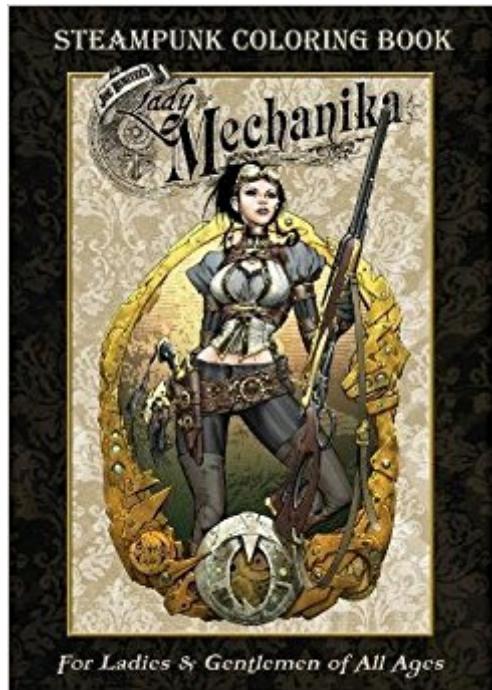


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# Lady Mechanika Steampunk Coloring Book



## Synopsis

Grab your markers and colored pencils and get lost in the steampunk world of Lady Mechanika, a fantastic world filled with goggles, gears, and mechanical gadgetry - and of course, a beautiful and elegantly dressed Victorian heroine. This adult coloring book contains 40 intricate black-and-white illustrations by Joe Benitez, creator and artist of the best-selling steampunk comic Lady Mechanika.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

She loved it.

I will attach a silent flip-through video of the entire coloring book, as well as some photos, so you can decide for yourself if this book suits your needs. I really like the concept of coloring books which bring novels and series of novels to life for those who like to color. While I am not familiar with the graphic novels of Lady Mechanika by Joe Benitez, I will certainly be looking for them in the near future. Because I don't know the stories, I can't say whether the artwork is lifted directly from the books or not. I think so because I have seen that the first novel in the series has a similar cover to this coloring book. In my first project in the book, I decided to give the beautiful lady red hair. That is what is great about coloring books - you can color the characters the way you prefer. In any case, the 40 designs in the coloring book are beautiful and elaborately drawn. They are nicely detailed and have a heavy use of black as a shading/color element in many of the pages. Some of the designs have intricate and small areas to color. The main focus of the design is,

naturally, Lady Mechanika. However, there are a number of design pages which feature other characters as well. This is what I experienced while coloring in this book and testing the paper with my coloring medium: 40 Wonderful Steampunk designs based on the graphic novel series of Lady Mechanika. Printed on one side of the page, Paper is white, medium/heavy weight, somewhat smooth (but still good tooth), and perforated. Glue Binding Designs stop before the perforations and nothing will be lost if you remove pages from this book. The book opens fairly flat for coloring though I had to heavily crease (break) the spine. Alcohol-based markers bleed through this paper rapidly. If I were to use this medium, I would put a blotter page below my working page to keep seeping ink from ruining the design below. I prefer card stock but several sheets of heavyweight paper works well, too. You can also remove pages from the book before coloring. I prefer not to do so to keep the continuity of the series intact. Water-based markers, India ink pens and gel pens did not bleed through but they did leave shadows on the back of the page. As the book is printed on one side of the page, this didn't trouble me. Colored pencils worked well with this paper. While it is somewhat smooth, it still has sufficient tooth (roughness) to grip pigment well. I tested both oil and wax based pencils and liked both with this paper. I was able to get deep pigment with multiple layers of the same color. I was also able to layer multiple colors well and to easily blend colors using a pencil style blending stick.

**Summary:** "Lady Mechanika" contains 40 illustrations and the insides of both the front and back covers feature additional information. It measures 8.25 x 11.75 and is glue bound into a laminated cover. Featuring intricate steampunk drawings, this book is appropriate for adult colorists on all skill levels. **Paper:** The paper in this book is bright white and medium weight. All pages are single sided and perforated. Most mediums will be fine to use as is, but alcohol markers will bleed through. As always, be sure to place several sheets of blotter paper under your current project to prevent color transfer. **Artwork:** As previously stated, the main theme of this book is steampunk. Inside you'll see nautical scenes, futuristic weapons, cyborgs, cityscapes, elaborate gowns, and the occasional monster. Most of the backgrounds are fairly minimal (where included) and borders range from a simple black line to heavily detailed machine parts. All artwork ends well before crossing the perforation, so pages can be removed without any issues. Detail level and line weight vary a bit between pictures and there is a heavy use of black shading. Completion time should range from 4-8 hours (may be slightly different for each individual). Overall, this is a beautifully detailed book. It would be best suited for colorists who enjoy steampunk or 18th century imagery.

In this Lady Mechanika Steampunk Coloring Book the images are wonderful and offer a variety of coloring experiences. The pictures are not shaded, or at least very seldom and very little, so you can color as you choose and make your own emphases. I got an ebook for review purposes and, unfortunately, I can't actually print one or two out to color and show. However, one of the features I particularly like is the variation of intricacy between pictures. There are times I want to color something detailed and intricate and give it a fair amount of thought before I start. Then there are times I just want to color and, for lack of a better term, zone out. This book offers pictures that cater to both of those moods. I imagine that would also make this an ideal book for someone just getting into coloring and might want to do some intricate pictures but wants to start with some basic straightforward yet beautiful designs. This book offers that opportunity. I am currently unemployed so it may be a while before I can buy the book, thus my disappointment with the review copy not having any pages available to print, but if you enjoy coloring and especially if you're familiar with the Lady Mechanika series, this will be money well spent. Reviewed from a copy made available by the publisher via NetGalley.

'Lady Mechanika Steampunk Coloring Book' by Joe Benitez is a book of black and white drawings from the creator of the comic book series. I always feel a bit strange reviewing a coloring book. There is no story or plot. It's a series of black and white drawings. In this case the drawings are based on a comic book series that I've read a few volumes of, so I'm familiar. The drawings here seem to be alternate art or new ideas. The main character is Lady Mechanika, but there are some other characters from the series that show up. If you like the series and you like to color, or you just like good art, then it's of interest. I received a review copy of this coloring book from Diamond Book Distributors and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this title.

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