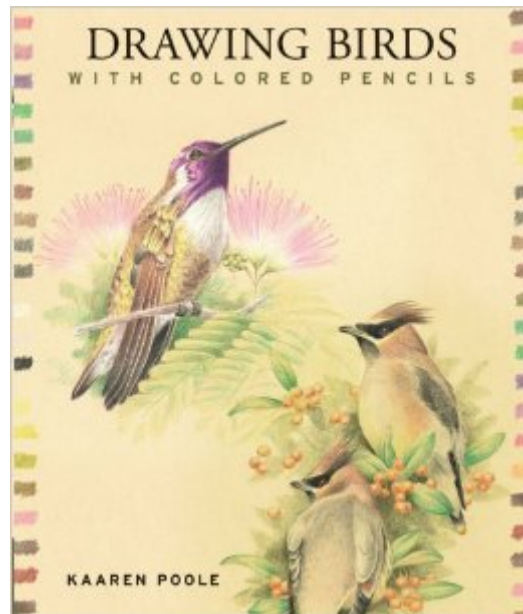


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# Drawing Birds With Colored Pencils



## Synopsis

With Kaaren Poole as teacher, learning to draw colorful birds becomes an enjoyable experience. She reveals the secrets of creating her beautiful, realistic, and richly detailed pictures, showing how she builds them step-by-step, in layers of color. Poole explains her chosen medium (colored pencils) and how to use it, gives tips on bird anatomy, provides color theory basics, and then illustrates her technique with 27 popular avian subjects, including the robin, goldfinch, chickadee, and quail. When you master Poole's easily-learned method, it's simple to recreate her lovely projects exactly or to use her ideas to enhance your own work. To finish the at-home course in style: a quick lesson on pairing colored pencils with watercolor, iridescent inks, and graphite.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is exactly what I was looking for to learn how to draw birds with colored pencils, prompting me to write my first review here on . The book starts out with all the details about the supplies recommended, and then a very thorough general information section including pencil drawing basics, a very interesting section on the drawing process and creating the sketch, and an extremely valuable section on color theory basics covering color composition and value. Also covered in this section are bird shapes and anatomy, and the drawing details including the eyes, beaks, feet and feathers. There is a wonderful selection of birds to choose from, including cardinals, robins (my favorite is the fledgling pair), goldfinch, hummingbirds, bluebirds, chickadee, and many more, with the instructions for every one spread over several full pages each, and each with full-sized illustrations in step-by-step format, layer by layer. Alongside every illustration are very

thoroughly written instructions to walk you through the details every step of the way, starting with the supply list and illustrated color palette for each project. I really appreciate the written instructions because they cover every detail and are very easy to follow. There is also a chapter on combining colored pencils with other media such as watercolor, inks, and graphite. I'm extremely happy with this book, and highly recommend it to all who love birds and want to learn how to draw them with colored pencils. I also love the colored pencil drawing of the author's cat at the beginning of the book, and hope she is working on a drawing cats with colored pencils book.

I just finished reading this book. I was hoping for an instruction book that gave clear, step-by-step instructions for creating pictures in colored pencil. That is exactly what this book does (unlike some others I have ordered in the past). I am now ready to start on the projects and am looking forward to creating some nice pictures as, with the detailed instructions, I am confident I will be able to do.

The drawings are very nice but there's not as much colored pencil technique as I would have liked. It's more helpful as a book on drawing birds in general.

I was attempting to draw birds with some inexpensive map pencils while on my trip to Colorado, when I came across this book on the Internet. I ordered it and I am very happy with my purchase. I keep a fly fishing journal and would like to add drawings. I have only been able to draw stick figures all my life. After reading Kaaren's book and getting a compass to help with the size, I actually draw birds that you can really tell what they are and I get compliments on them. I bought some good pencils from a local art dealer and have been practicing for one year now. I am thrilled with my progress. I would like to take an art class. I highly suggest this book for a beginner. It is a great way to start and experiment with colored pencils. I refer to it over and over when trying to get something to look a certain way. For a person, like me, that had zero art experience and didn't know art tools, like a "stylus" or a "color blender", it has been very helpful. I have recently been experimenting with watercolor pencils and I really like mixing the watercolor pencils with the colored pencil.

This book is great. It goes through step by step the process of drawing birds with colored pencils. I had success with my first attempt at it. Very clear explanations, and very good color diagrams of each step of the process. I highly recommend this book.

I have many books about drawing, watercolor and colored pencil in my library. This is without a

doubt, hands down, the best book in my art-related library about the use of colored pencils! The author is thorough, yet accessible in her methodology and general background and enormously helpful in her book full of step by step illustrations. Each drawing has a sketch and illustrations of several steps toward a finished drawing, including a detailed color guide for each drawing. This is particularly helpful, whether you choose to use Prismacolor or Faber-Castell Polychromos colored pencils. I am delighted with the purchase!

I am very happy with the book Drawing Birds with Colored Pencils. The artist has a gift for drawing birds. Kaaren Poole is an excellent teacher, illustrator and she writes in a way that she feels like a friend. I looked up all other books that she has written I would recommend it to everyone with an interest in birds or colored pencils. The book was in new condition.

I am very pleased with Kaaren Poole's Drawing Birds with Colored Pencils. Kaaren has provided a step-by-step, very readable book. She includes color theory, composition and an encouraging presentation for the beginning color pencil artist. I can highly recommend her book.

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