



# Color your way to calm

**Instruction:** Practice mindfulness and de-stress with these coloring pages.

Coloring is a healthy way to relieve stress. It can help the body relax and calm your mind. Here are some additional ways to help manage stress:

- 1 Enjoy simple pleasures**  
Look for opportunities to do things you enjoy, even if it's just for 15 minutes every day.
- 2 Use positive self-talk**  
Frame your thinking around success, rather than failure.
- 3 Let things go**  
Some things aren't worth sweating over. Reward yourself for a meaningful accomplishment – instead of being hard on yourself for not getting everything done.
- 4 Take a break from the situation**  
Go for a walk or take three to five deep breaths to help clear your head.

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