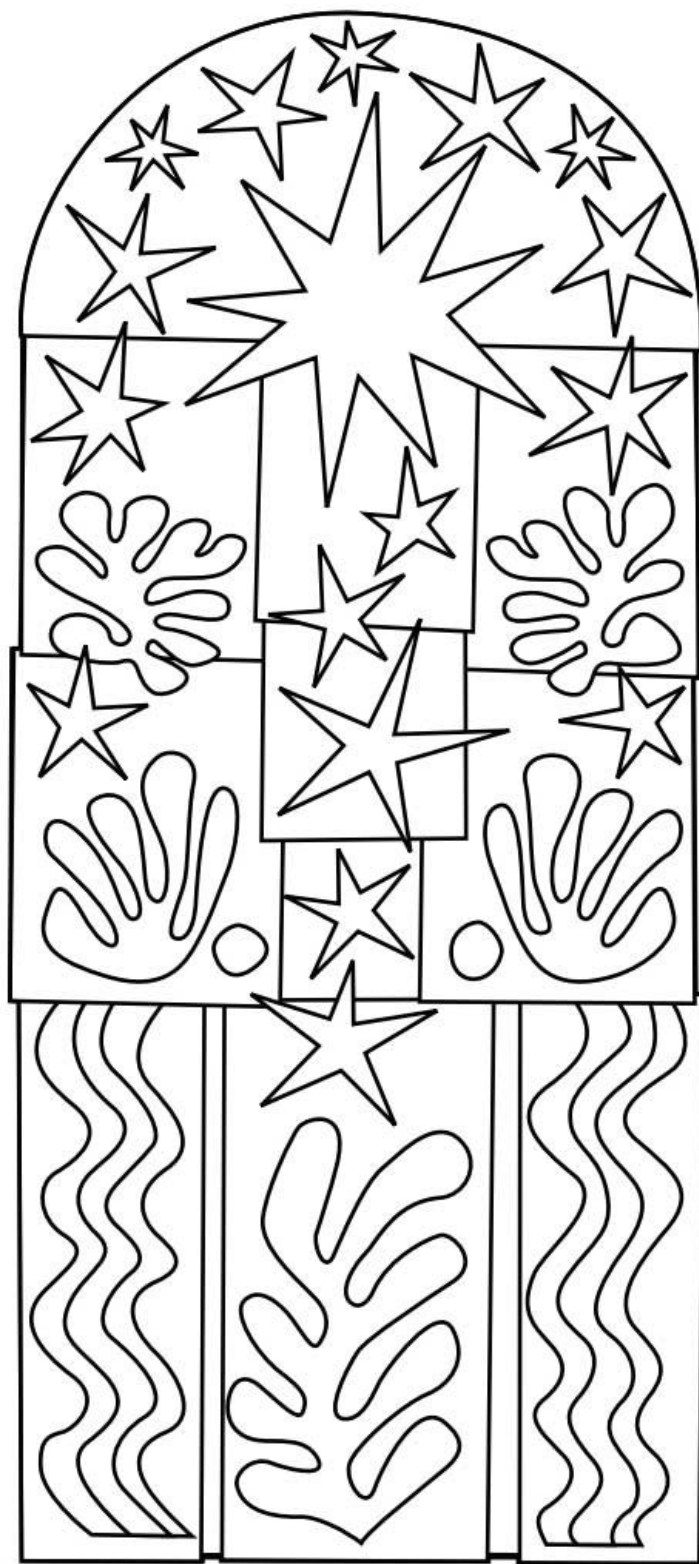




The Color Cover is *Nuit de Noël*, which was exhibited at Rockefeller Center during the holiday season, 1952

French artist, Henri Matisse (1869-1954) was a leading figure in the Modern art era during the early 20th century. His use of colors and fluidity in shapes and style were hallmarks of Matisse's unique style. Although he was a sculptor and a printmaker, he would always be known as a painter who helped the Modern art movement evolve through expressive use of color.

"If you have a chance to see it you will agree with me that a maquette for a stained-glass window and the window itself are like a musical score and its performance by an orchestra." Henri Matisse to MoMA's founding director Alfred H. Barr (1952)

"Creativity takes courage." -Henri Matisse

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