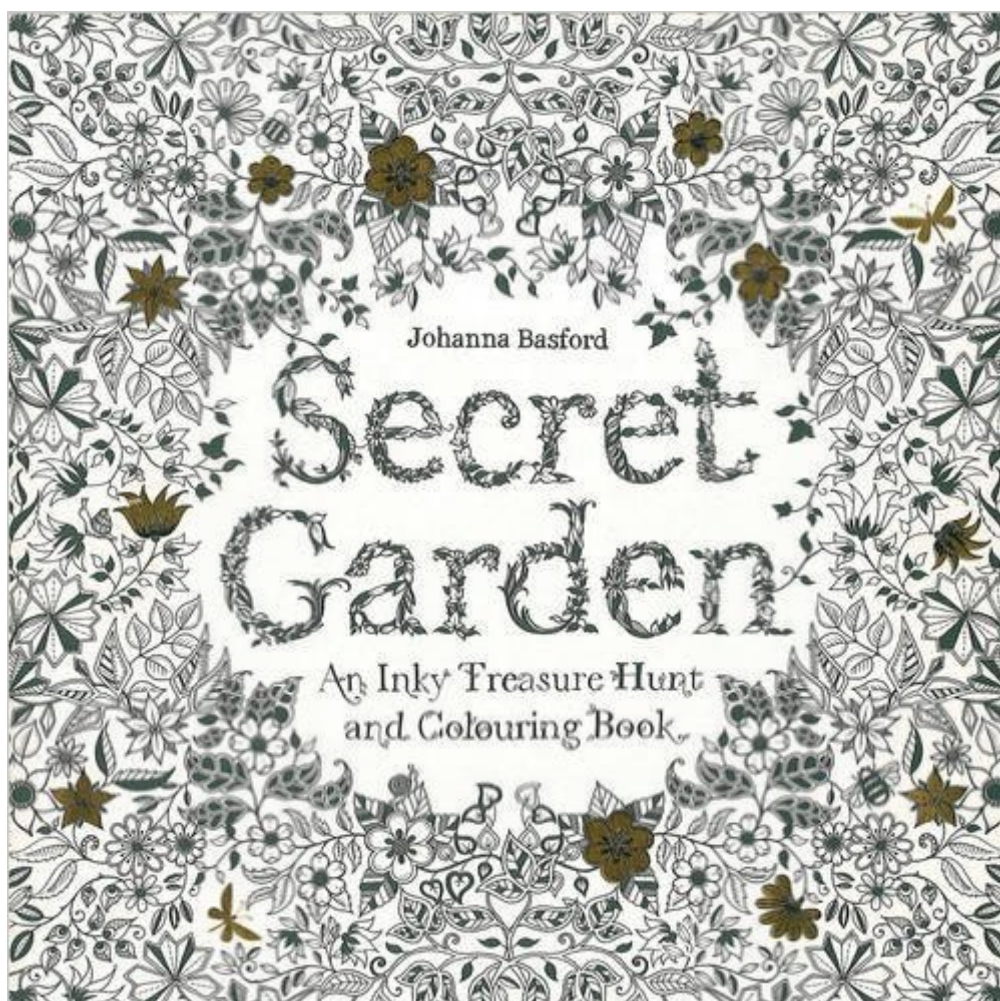


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# Secret Garden: An Inky Treasure Hunt And Coloring Book



## Synopsis

Good news for all SECRET GARDEN fans! All editions of SECRET GARDEN now feature thicker and heavier paper stock, fighting bleed-through from ink pens. Experience the phenomenon that has sold 11 million copies worldwide and launched the coloring craze for adults. This beautiful and interactive coloring book features delicate and highly detailed pen-and-ink illustrations – all waiting to be brought to life with color. As added entertainment, tiny garden creatures are hidden on the pages, waiting to be found, and a key and index are included in the back. The book's cover and jacket are also colorable. Appealing to all ages, SECRET GARDEN is the original and first book by Johanna Basford.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 and up

Grade Level: 3 and up

## Customer Reviews

"...a coloring book even adults will want to use." - MarthaStewart.com "There are few art forms as meditative, nostalgic and all-around blissful as the coloring book. Consider trading in your yoga mat for a set of markers and peruse the gorgeous gardens of Basford's imagination." - Huffington Post "Artist Johanna Basford is at the forefront of the grown up coloring trend. Her whimsical artwork just makes us want to drop all our responsibilities and color forever." - Hello Giggles "...this book has multigenerational appeal. It's not just a coloring book, by any means. Some pages have space where the garden is incomplete so kids (and adults) can create a little flora and fauna of their own." -

CoolMomPicks.com"...the prettiest coloring book of the season." - GirlsLife.com"...a sublime labyrinth of gorgeously detailed coloring pages, and yet it's so much more." - TakesAVillage.net

Johanna Basford is an illustrator and ink evangelist who creates intricate and hand-drawn illustrations rooted in the flora and fauna that surrounds her home in rural Scotland.

This is the list of items I use for coloring all the beautiful intricate details of this amazing coloring book.\* Prismacolor Premier Soft Core Colored Pencils\* Prismacolor Premier Verithin Colored Pencils\* Pilot G2 07 Fine Point Retractable Gel Ink Pens-Multiple Color 20 pen pack\* Small Aluminum handheld pencil sharpener\* Sanford Peel-off Magic Rub #1960 EraserI color each page using all mediums, and haven't had any problems of colors seeping through to other pages, getting smudged, rubbing off or flaking off.\* I keep my colored pencils sharpened and pointy to be able to color tiny areas of the designs.\* I purchased the set of 150 colored pencils, but I think a set of 48, or at the most 60 colored pencils, is more than adequate.Prismacolors are easy to blend so by combining colors you can achieve the colors you need/want.If you purchase the 48 or 60 color set and later on decide you want a color not in your set, you can purchase other colors individually.\* I had tried using other brands of colored pencils for a mandala coloring book, but none of the other colors had enough color pigment. So I found myself having to press hard on the pages to deposit enough color, but having Rheumatoid Arthritis made my already painful hands hurt even more.\* Prismacolors are more expensive than the other brands I had, but for me it was worth the price because I was able to color without pain in my hands.

I adore this adult coloring book. Beautiful drawings that take some time and patience to color but it's worth it. I mostly use Faber-Castell or Prismacolor color pencils. Love it!

So, you may have read about the new trend in "Adult Coloring Books." THIS is THE book that started it. There are plenty of publishers who have tried to emulate what this book offers, (and I've been stupid enough to try others), and trust me, NO other book compares to Johanna Basford's coloring books. You might notice she has several different books with their own unique themes. This particular one is DINOSAURS! ...Kidding, it's of course a Secret Garden theme.I think one observation almost fully sums up the quality of this coloring book - it has a DUST JACKET. No detail has been overlooked with this book. The dust jack is even printed on the inside in case you want to color it. There is meticulous detail and care put into every place of this book... I took tons of pictures

to help you see what I mean. I was jazzed to have the opportunity to sample this book, but take my word when I say it's an AWESOME book. What I didn't realize when I ordered this was there is more than just pretty pictures and TONS (seriously, hours & hours & hours-worth) of coloring places, but there are little hidden things throughout the book. For example, there are hidden owls, birds, hearts, etc... So there's an added element which is great. It isn't childish at all, it's elegantly done. The paper quality is FANTASTIC. Thick with a very slight (perfect) texture. The pages are not transparent, and the texture makes it easy to use colored pencils on... though, you could use pastels, paint or even markers probably. I cannot express how much I RECOMMEND this book!!!! I knew it was arriving yesterday, and ALL DAY I looked forward to coming home and coloring it. I hadn't colored in YEARS --- I think that's going to change! My husband chuckled at me, and even told me I did a "Good job of staying in the lines." He was being playfully condescending, but I think he was secretly jealous. :) This is an AWESOME coloring book for adults, and a great stress reliever for anyone (retired, at-home-mommies, hard-workers needing a break, etc.). I seriously hope I get to check out some of the other books by Johanna Basford! For those wondering, I started with colored pencils by US Art Supply, then 'graduated' to Prismacolor Premier Illustration Markers, Brush Tip, Set of 8 Assorted Colors (1736674). These are my favorite markers EVER, but, I'm disappointed in the lack of colors available in this type of marker. I never realized there was a certain quality to be had in markers, but after using these, I'm convinced - it does matter which marker you use. These write so smoothly and brightly, and can do a semi-thick line by laying the marker a little flat, or they can do tiny fine lines holding the marker gently perpendicular to the paper. Best of all, these particular markers did NOT bleed through - which is important because these pages are double printed. But again, the colors are limited in these - I want pinks, and yellows, and light blues... So, after searching online and at my local Michael's craft store, I bought some of the double tipped markers by the same company

[http://www..com/Prismacolor-Premier-Markers-Primary-1773297/dp/B007L4CZAG/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1449244669&sr=8-1&keywords=prismacolor+markers+brush](http://www..com/Prismacolor-Premier-Markers-Primary-1773297/dp/B007L4CZAG/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1449244669&sr=8-1&keywords=prismacolor+markers+brush). Sadly, I do NOT like these ones. First, they don't write/draw/color at all like the 'brush tips.' They're firm and clumsy for fine detail coloring. Additionally, I didn't like the thickness of these in my hand - they're really wide. Most importantly, I was SO DISAPPOINTED to realize these big fat markers by Prismacolor BLEED. On one page, I used all brush tip markers EXCEPT for some spots of light blue. It was a lighter color than all the others, and made by the same company, so surely (I thought) it wouldn't bleed. It did - see photos (owl photo is the page printed on the back of the round marker-colored image). So sad... So, I just placed an order for Tombow Dual Brush Pen Art Markers, Primary,

10-Pack and also Tombow Dual Brush Pen Art Markers, Bright, 10-Pack. They haven't arrived yet, but I'm hopeful. I'll update after I've given it a few tries. Sorry for so much info, but when I started with this book, I REALLY needed some direction on WHAT to color with. I hope this is in some way helpful to others. Back to the book, it's AWESOME!

Beautiful designs and good quality of paper. It's a lot of fun turning all the black and white pages into colorful pieces of arts (at least to my own satisfaction). I also enjoy seeing everyone else's work on the artist's personal website <http://www.johannabasford.com/colouring-gallery> and you can upload your work as well!

This is an absolutely beautiful book! BUT - on the first page, the authors suggest we "use felt tip pens". However, the pages are absorbent and the ink seeps through to the other side. I ruined several pages of my precious copy by doodling and colouring in a few items here and there on the most enticing designs before realising what was happening on the back! This is the only reason I did not give the book five stars. Other than this it is completely entrancing! I am going to get colouring pencils!

I prefer her other book, Enchanted Forest, to this one only because the paper is thicker in that book. In this book, I cannot use markers or they bleed through the pages, so have to use colored pencils. The pictures are great, but I wish this was in the same thick paper as her second book.

Love it! I read about others' reviews and worried about the thin paper, but I think it's totally fine when I use coloring pencil and gel pen. I really enjoy coloring those beautiful flowers and leaves. Since this is my first time doing this, I am a little hesitate to pick the right color. But still a wonderful experience.

I love using pencils. Prism color pencils soft core are wonderful. I press pretty hard and layer a lot as well. I find the paper is very thick and not textured. So harder cored pencils are difficult to use. I am worried about coloring on the opposite side of pages already colored and I am considering buying tracing paper to slide in to protect my work. I love this book. And I am working with the double sided issues. It is a true stress reliever.

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