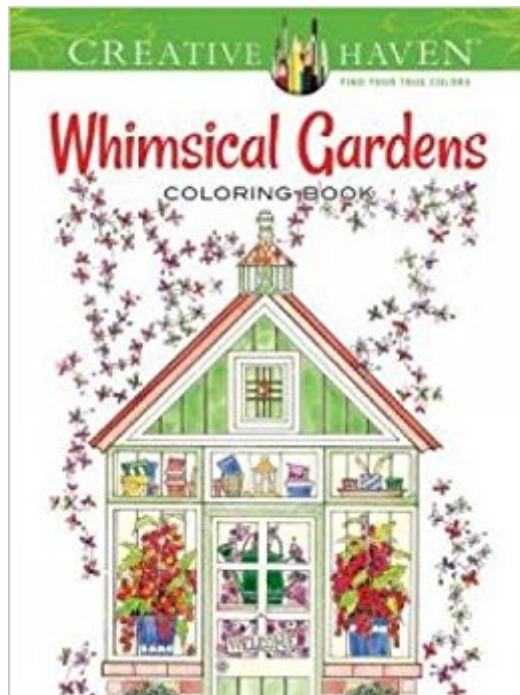




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Alexandra Cowell has a University Diploma in Graphics and Illustration and has published hundreds of designs.

I had to order this book when I saw the Charming, Simple, whimsical cover picture and I was not disappointed, all of the illustrations use the same art style, simple, whimsical, charming and areas of each picture are highly detailed and challenging. Most of the illustrations are similar to the cover picture in picture appearance, then using the same art style, added for variety, are delightful collages and a few unique in type but using the same charming, with the same combination of simple and challenging art style.1. 31 Illustrations printed one per page (The back of each page is blank) on heavy weight, bright white, paper. Perforated for easy page removal.2. All of the markers and some Gel Pens I tested leaked through the page at least a little in my test, so place 2 pieces of paper under the page you are coloring to prevent damage to the next picture, or remove the page from the book. Markers tested (Bic Mark it ultra fine, Sharpie ultra fine, Staedtler Triplus fineliners and Fibre tip, Stabilo point 88, Pentel fine point, Crayola Skinny.)3. Illustrations included: 12 illustrations similar to the cover picture, 11 Collage type with butterflies, trees, flowers, Pinwheels, Umbrellas, birdhouses, and more, plus miscellaneous illustrations that are whimsical and vary from a flower mandala, to potted flowers all charming.4. Details vary with in each illustration from tiny to medium detailed, so this book is perfect for colored pencils, Ultra Fine Markers, or Gel Pens.

Okay, here's the deal: if you like coloring books with lots of tiny details that call for finely sharpened colored pencils or fine pointed colored ink pens, then this charming coloring book is for you. It seems to draw much of its inspiration from Johanna Basford's enormously popular coloring books, The Secret Garden and The Enchanted Forest. If you prefer coloring books that have larger, less-finely grained drawings, where you can color in broad strokes, then this is probably not the coloring book for you. That said, if you understand what you're getting, you'll find this coloring book utterly charming and cute. Very whimsical. I like it lots. But if you color with ink pens, put blotting paper under the pages you are working on so the ink doesn't bleed through. Have fun. Relax. That's what this is all about.

Pleasantly surprised. Most Creative Haven books are repeats of patterns in what I call "wall paper" drawings, or worse..they are just reprinted drawings from the older Dover Press coloring books. This one has actual drawings like on the cover, and plenty of detail without getting crazy. It does have some of the types of prints I just mentioned, but they are few interspaced between the greenhouse

type scenes. It is printed on one side of the page, and the pages are perforated so you can take one out for fear of ripping or ruining the book. I have most (if not all) of the garden themed adult coloring books, plus about 20-30 more books ranging from the old Dover Press coloring books to the newer books being printed nowadays for adult coloring. As a comparison: Johanna Basford's books are filled with gorgeous art, but pages are porous and printed on two sides. I haven't started coloring them because of this. Then there is another garden themed book called Enchanting English Garden, where the images are not as detailed and there is tremendous white space. For the price, this book is the better buy and I doubt you will be disappointed.

It is whimsical. Lots of tiny, tiny details!!! Some of them didn't appeal to me. That is just because of my personal taste. Nothing to do with the book itself.

I love most of the Creative Haven coloring books that I've gotten. This one has nice pics and I like that they are front side only so I can use markers with a slip of paper in between the pages.

Great images to draw or to trace. I love all the fine details in this book. Personally I never color anything inside a book but I photocopy it first and then color it. That way if you mess up, just make another copy, or make several different versions of one drawing. Sometimes I trace parts of a drawing, just the elements that I want and create my own artwork from it.

I loved the book. I wish the "wishing well" picture didn't have the words (very obviously a wishing well & didn't need the distraction) but other than that I loved them. Does this artist have others? I'll have to find out. My only wish would've been to have a drawing with a garden bench in it. that would've made the book perfect. Whimsical bit useful.

"Whimsical" is certainly the key word here. There are a number of garden and pond scenes with enough detail to keep a colorist busy for awhile. There are also more abstract florals, pinwheels, "mandala"-like designs, birds and butterflies. It's a good selection with a lot of variety. As with all Creative Haven books, a definite plus is that these are printed on one side only -- so no worries about ruining a picture on the opposite side with bleed-through from markers. The pages are also perforated to allow for fairly easy removal. Paper color is a soft white -- not a "pure" white, but not "yellow-ish" either. So far, I've used colored pencils and Tombow markers with good results. Bottom line: another winner from Creative Haven. Good quality, nice designs, lots of variation in terms of

level of detail.

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