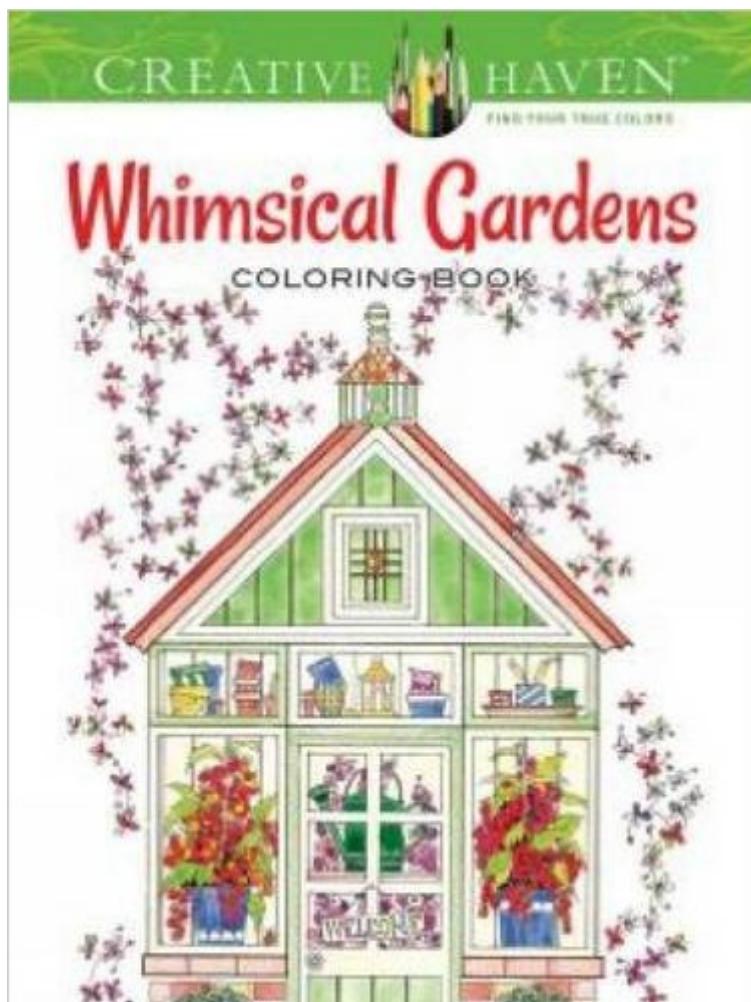


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# Creative Haven Whimsical Gardens Coloring Book (Adult Coloring)



## **Synopsis**

Enter into a garden of delights with these 31 beautifully detailed images. The imaginative and playful designs will inspire colorists to add their own special touches to make each picture uniquely their own. Illustrations are printed on one side of perforated pages for easy removal and display. Specially designed for experienced colorists, Whimsical Gardens and other Creative Haven® adult coloring books offer an escape to a world of inspiration and artistic fulfillment. Each title is also an effective and fun-filled way to relax and reduce stress.

## **Book Information**

Series: Adult Coloring

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Age Range: 8 and up

Grade Level: 3 and up

## **Customer Reviews**

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.

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.

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.

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.

Have to agree with another reviewer, if you like the cover, you will like the book. The drawings are so detailed that I become completely focused and in the moment as I choose the perfect colors to fill in the pictures. The lighthearted themes just plain ole make me happy. Drawings are on one side and the pages can be folded at the perforation so they can lay flat as you create your 'masterpiece'. Bonus: the book is printed in the USA and the paper is nice quality.

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.

This book has about 3 pages of actual gardens. The rest of the pages are illustrations of trees, birds butterflies, things you would find in a garden. I was expecting pages of gardens like on the front page. Very disappointed. Note: to or publisher, let us view the inside of the book.

I have enjoyed coloring in this book. It has a similar feel to the Secret Garden by Johanna Basford.coloring book but isn't as complex. Images can be completed in hours rather than days, To be honest the Secret Garden intimidates me and I find that Whimsical Gardens soothes me. I think it will be a good way to build my coloring confidence up enough to finally start coloring in the Secret Garden.In the mean time, this book has images on only one side of each page. The paper is medium weight and bright white, and has a perforated edge for easy removal. Color pencils do very well for shading and layering. Markers of all types bleed through at least a bit if not a lot, so a blotter page is advisable if you keep the pages in the book. Gel pens work well. Most of the images have at least some very detailed areas in the design so I have preferred to use color pencils, though ultra fine point markers and pens work as well.The images include both garden scenes as well as floral patterns and individual flowers. You will find a wishing well as scarecrow with pumpkins, a cottage, garden sheds, water features, birds in trees, wildflowers, and many other pleasant images.Coloring these images does take some dexterity and the ability to tiny areas. Color palette options are unlimited.I have added some pages that I have completed coloring. It is a variety of the types of images found in the book.

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