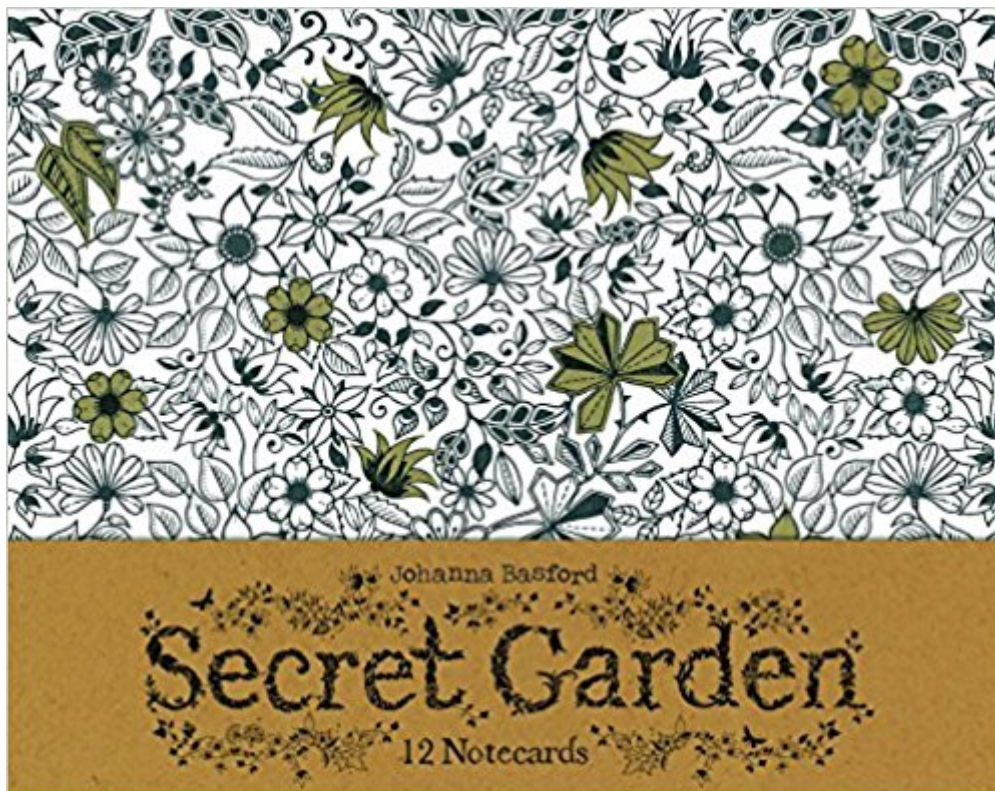


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Secret Garden: 12 Notecards



Synopsis

Tumble down the rabbit hole and find yourself in an inky black-and-white wonderland. Following on from the success of the best-selling coloring book *Secret Garden* by Johanna Basford, this set of notecards is packaged in a gorgeous decorative box that you'll want to keep. There are 12 notecards with four different designs to suit a variety of occasions, left blank inside for your message, and 12 envelopes. Appealing to all ages, the intricately-realized world of the *Secret Garden* is both beautiful and inspirational.

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Customer Reviews

'The perfect gift for you or your loved one' *Making Magazine*

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.

I love this concept of colouring postcards! I love to colour but it seems a bit of a pity that you don't really do much with the picture afterwards. This way, I get to send out postcards to my friends after having fun with the pictures! The postcards are pretty thick and when I used inks they don't bleed through. However, the paper will tear after a bit, and this is one of the very few reasons I took a star off. The other major reason is that the pictures are pretty small, and so some details are not great if using colour pencils. I can use ink on them but then it gives me very little room for creativity. I was

given this as a present from a friend, but I loved it so much I got 2 more for my friends so that they could have fun with it too. I wouldn't mind even to get another one for myself!

Where to begin? I purchased Johanna Basford's Secret Garden coloring book *Secret Garden: An Inky Treasure Hunt and Coloring Book* awhile ago, and was so enchanted with it that I pre-ordered this postcard set. It finally arrived, and it was definitely worth the wait. These include more of Johanna's beautiful work in a small postcard sized format. They're printed on heavy-weight cardstock, suitable for just about any coloring medium. I tend to use mostly colored pencils, but I'll likely be using some alcohol markers with these as well (Spectrum Noir or Copic). I make hand-crafted greeting cards, and these are the perfect size to use as card fronts. I can add some heat embossing by coloring with a Versamark pen *Tsukineko Dual-Ended VersaMarker Pen in Bag*, then sprinkling with embossing powder and heat to add a bit of "zing." Speaking of "zing," *Stickles* glitter glue could also be used with these *Ranger TDS-25023 Tim Holtz Designer Series Distress Stickles Glitter Glue, Scattered Straw, 0.5-Ounce*. They would also be lovely matted and framed in a set with coordinated colors. The fine detail makes these designs both intricate and interesting, and the garden theme is charming. I can't wait to use several of them in my cards. (I'm about 3/4 finished with one of them as I type this.) If you like Johanna Basford's work, you'll LOVE these postcards. Highly recommended.

I received a box of these note cards as a gift and they are very beautiful. It is nice stock paper and the pictures are delightful. I colored my first one with Staedtler Triplus Fineline colored pens and they did not bleed through. It takes a little patience and concentration to color in the small spaces but the results are worth it. Getting a pair of magnifying eye glasses helps. :)

Really nice little postcard coloring book - all sorts of interesting pictures which you can color and decorate to suit your fancy! My only complaint is that some of the drawings are very small and make it difficult to find the lines to color without using a magnifying glass. It's great for adults, but youngsters may have problems with fine motor skills due to the small size of the lines and drawings. I would recommend using ink pens if you don't have a lighted magnifier that can be used by the colorist. But the variety of drawings are quite intricate and original, and provide hours of entertainment to develop your own stories and fairy tales!

Very nice postcard set to color. I thought they came with envelopes but I will still use them. I just

ordered the note cards so it's all good. I got my note cards today 5/20/2017. They are nice, but I didn't realize there was only 4 pictures. You get 3 of each picture, a total of 12 cards. You could get away with not coloring them, if you don't want to. There is gold leafing on them all. The box is nice. I plan to keep and color it. The envelopes have flowers you could color as well.

Beautiful notecards but I didn't realize there are only three different designs - 4 cards each.

I was going through a stressful time at work dealing with an exceptionally difficult client. In my down time this coloring book has saved my sanity. I don't like wasting time on frivolous things, and I love the fact that once these are colored they can be detached and sent to friends. Sanity inspired coloring with a purpose! The card stock is thick with a high quality feel. The black lines are bold and have penetrated the card stock well. I have used watercolor pencils on these cards and the water has no effect on the black lines- no bleeding, fading, wear etc. These cards also tear away easily and cleanly. Nothing would be more frustrating than spending time on coloring a pretty card only to have the tear-away edge destroy your work. Luckily that's not an issue with these. They are definitely high quality and have helped with stress, boredom etc. The different designs are great. Some are very complex and some significantly less so. There are definitely options on how detailed of a picture you'd like to spend your time on. All are lovely and well thought out.

Perfect for quick notes and doodles or the central theme for a handmade card or art project. Very detailed but you can add as little or as much as you'd like. Gel pens do not bleed through.

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