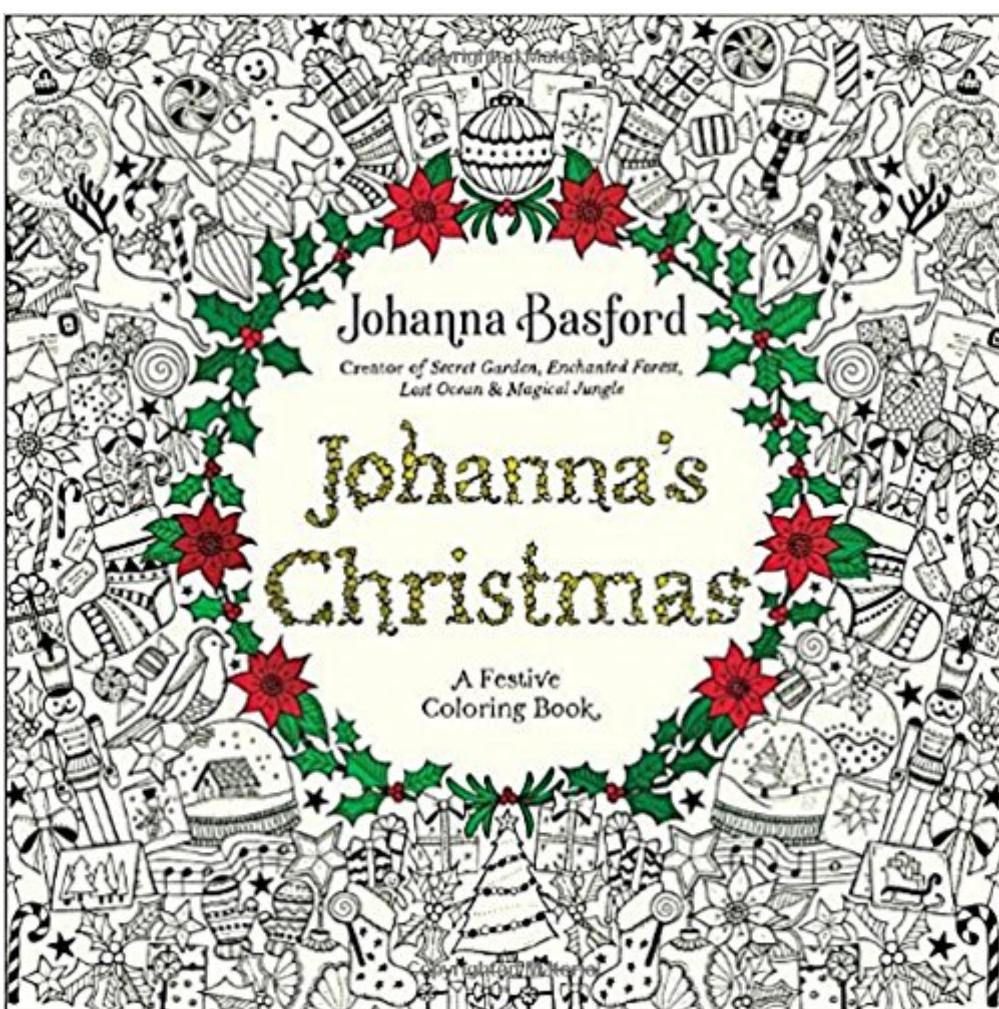


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# Johanna's Christmas: A Festive Coloring Book For Adults



## Synopsis

From the creator of the worldwide bestsellers—*A Secret Garden* and *Lost Ocean*, a beautiful new adult coloring book, printed on ivory paper and featuring delicate tangles of holly and ivy, bauble-laden Christmas trees, and mountains of exquisitely wrapped gifts. From flurries of delicate snowflakes to deliciously decorated gingerbread houses and reindeer-led sleighs, Johanna Basford's *Christmas* is a celebration of this wonderful holiday season that invites you to pick up your pens and pencils to color, complete, or embellish each of the festive artworks. Each of the 37 images in this book is printed single-sided on perforated paper, so you can color and remove the images—the perfect frameable holiday gift! Now printed on specially selected ivory paper. This paper has been specifically created for Johanna Basford's coloring books. It has a medium tooth which is perfect for creating beautiful colored pencil effects or chalk pastel backgrounds but also wonderful for pens, which will glide effortlessly over its surface.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PRAISE FOR JOHANNA'S CHRISTMAS—“The festive designs are nothing less than what you would expect from the woman whose work helped propel adult coloring into a phenomenon.”—Milwaukee Journal Sentinel—“Entrancing.”—Los Angeles Times

PRAISE FOR JOHANNA BASFORD'S COLORING BOOKS—“The colorists have a queen, and her name is Johanna Basford.”—New York Magazine—“Consider trading in your yoga mat for a set

of markers and peruse the gorgeous gardens of Basford's imagination. *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.* *This is a breathtakingly beautiful coloring book, full of detail, whimsy, and possibilities. Inspiration invades at the turn of the first page and is guaranteed to capture the imagination and attention of any artist young and old.* *The Children's Book Review*

Johanna Basford is an illustrator and ink evangelist who prefers pens and pencils to pixels. Her intricate, hand-drawn illustrations are loved the world over by those who have colored in (sometimes more than once) her bestselling books Johanna's Christmas, Magical Jungle, Lost Ocean, Secret Garden, and Enchanted Forest. Johanna is a graduate of Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design in Dundee. She likes sugar mice, floral teacups, peonies, and bumblebees. Visit her online at [johannabasford.com](http://johannabasford.com).

Finally and Hooray! Johanna Basford and her publisher have listened to her fans and printed this beautiful coloring book on one side of the page. Not only that, they have perforated the pages so you can take pages out if you wish to do so. The back of the pages are not neglected either as there is the lightest of gray holiday design patterns. The designs are beautiful and evocative of the holiday season. With everything from Christmas trees to polar bears, ornaments to prancing deer, the designs are instantly recognizable as Ms. Basford's charming style. There are 37 designs which celebrate the Christmas season. Christmas is my favorite holiday and having such a beautiful book of designs to color will help brighten up any dreary, cold days. Not to mention they will be a wonderful way to sit and relax when the holiday season starts becoming more and more hectic. The designs are open and easy to color. This is something that Ms. Basford began in her most recent book (Ã¢â€šâ€œMagical JungleÃ¢â€šâ€) and I'm pleased to see it once again. It makes it so much easier to use all forms of coloring medium and with the printing on one side, this time it really should be a choice of any coloring book medium. While several designs are set up to appear as two page spreads, only one design actually has elements which spread across two pages (a small garland and a baseboard.) Those elements cross the perforations and spread over the binding. Not a problem as it is so small and each of the pages can easily stand along as a single design. A suggestion for future books might be a fold-out page for the design or two of this nature. That would keep the whole design together and make it that much easier to color. The cover of the

book has fold-outs front and back with coloring opportunities on it. I'll be interested to see if the UK version still retains the dust cover as it did with "Magical Jungle" which we get to use finally with this book. This book is definitely going on my list of family and friend gifts. I can think of several individuals I would love to give it to along with a small set of markers which we get to use finally with this book. This is what I experienced while coloring in this book and testing the paper with my coloring medium. I will list, in the comments section below, the coloring medium I used to test this book and which I generally use for my coloring.37 Wonderfully Festive Christmas/Winter Designs by Johanna Basford (this counts the potential two page spreads as separate designs)Printed on one side of the page (did I mention Hooray!!)Paper is heavyweight, ivory, slightly rough and perforatedGlue BindingAlcohol-based markers bleed through the pageWater-based markers and gel pens leave the slightest of shadows on the back of the page.Gel pens did not bleed through the page but did require a little more drying time.Colored pencils worked well. I tested both oil and wax-based pencils with good results. I was able to layer the same color for deeper pigment, layer multiple colors and to blend easily with a pencil style blending stick.

From reading the reviews, I see that some folks aren't crazy about this book because it isn't like Johanna's other books. That's one of the main reasons I love it! I have all of her other coloring books, a journal, a planner and daily calendar. I don't want them all to be the same...that would get really boring very quickly. The paper in this one is great, nice and thick. The pictures are only on one side of the page. If you like to color with markers, that's great. I prefer my Prismacolor pencils for this one. The pages are perforated if you like to display your artwork.This book isn't as detailed as her previous books. I think that's a good idea for the busy Christmas season. I don't have time to color pictures with hundreds and hundreds of leaves! I'm halfway through my third picture since I received the book Tuesday. It's a fun book when you don't have days to complete just one picture. The pictures have enough detail to keep my interest; they in no way resemble kids' coloring book pictures.The picture in the front of the book that appears to be a mounted deer head doesn't bother me. That may be because I live in Southwest Georgia where hunting is the norm. (I don't, but I know many people who do.)Since the pages are perforated, it might be a fun idea to use some colored

pages as wrapping paper for small gifts.

Johanna's colouring books all have much better quality paper than most other colouring books I've found. I'm actually able to use watercolour pencils in them! I use these pencils: Derwent Water Color Pencils, Watercolor, Drawing, Art, 36-Pack (32885). The pages are one-sided and perforated which is great for various mediums that might bleed through the page and you can pull out your pages to display if you'd like. The pictures in this book are fun and whimsical. It's not as detailed as her previous books and there are a lot fewer pages to colour. That doesn't really bother me but keep it in mind if you are expecting it to be just like her other books.

This is a perfect Christmas coloring book. It has perforated pages, one-sided pages. I love it. It has lovely Christmas pictures to color. I would buy it for anyone who loves to color. Johanna Basford has some of the best coloring books available. I own all of them.

Finally, an artist (and publisher) who listens! This book is gorgeous in the tradition of all Johanna Basford's coloring books. The pages are one-sided, on heavy, perforated pages. Exactly what so many of her fans kept requesting. For those reviewers who are blasting these features.....stop it. It's a coloring book. No one made you buy this book. Enjoy the book, as the artist meant for you to do.

Received as described: characteristic good quality paper and printing. Loved it! I see some complain some pages are printed too light or the pictures are repeated. Please read the description! You are supposed to be able to rip off the page and even use alcohol based markers (that usually bleed through). That is why the "good pictures" are only on one side of the page, and the light gray decorations in the back are there for you not to have a blank page. Thus, it can be said that Johanna and her publishers went above and beyond with this book! So much so, that she even decorated the back page of the drawings instead of leaving it blank. I have the feeling that you will find that these light gray patterns printed in the back of the page are so beautiful, that you will feel tempted to color it too!

I just love this coloring book. As always Johanna Basford has put out the perfect coloring book. I have several of her coloring books and each gets better. nice thick pages fun yet beautiful prints page after page. They're perfect for relaxing.

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