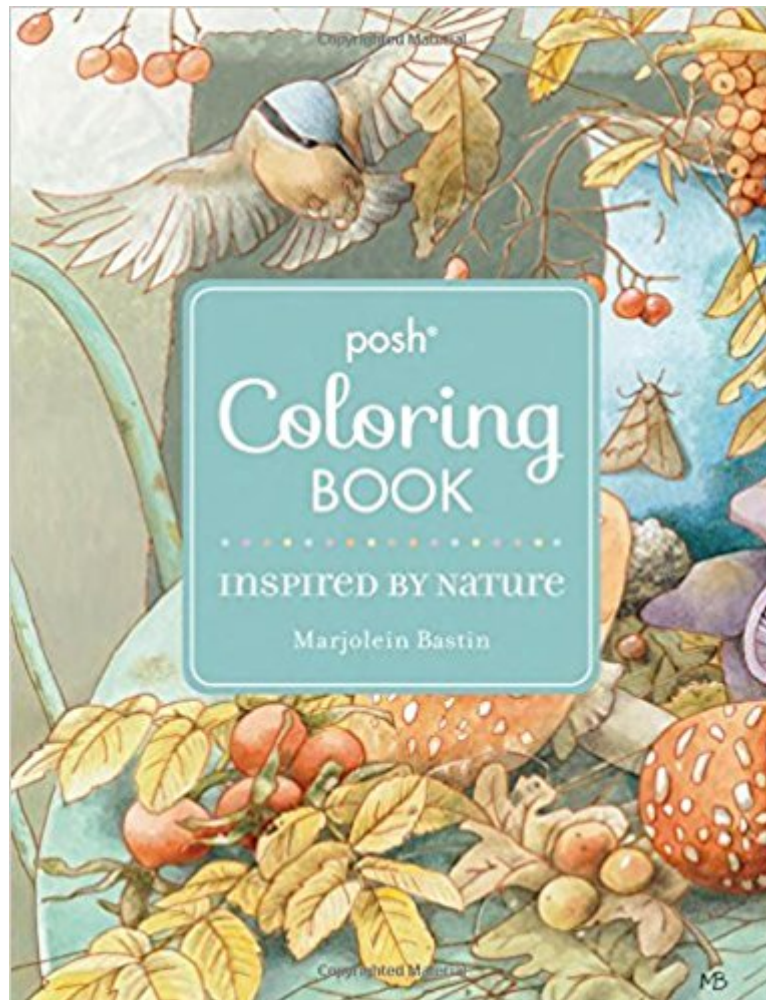




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# Posh Adult Coloring Book: Inspired By Nature (Posh Coloring Books)



## Synopsis

Be inspired by Marjolein Bastin's passion for the natural world in this lovely coloring book. "I see every day as a new gift full of new discoveries, which I want to share with everyone through my artwork." --Marjolein Bastin Now you can share the beauty of Marjolein Bastin's nature-inspired art by coloring images based on her artwork.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Marjolein Bastin's passion for the natural world is of a universal quality that appeals to people the world over. You can find Marjolein's artwork on greeting cards, calendars, dinnerware, bedding, gifts and many other products. But for Marjolein only one thing remains important: spend every day behind her desk painting the natural world around her. She also writes and illustrates children's books featuring the endearing Vera the Mouse character, which she created. Through her art and words, Marjolein offers people a simple reminder to pause and enjoy nature and allow it to be a source of serenity, energy, and healing. Finding inspiration in a bird lighting on a branch or a leaf drying in the autumn sun, Marjolein takes long walks each afternoon to seek new ideas for her artwork and her writings. Marjolein and her husband Gaston divide their time between country homes in Holland, Switzerland, and in Missouri, as well a tropical retreat in the Cayman Islands. Each setting provides a unique glimpse of what nature has to offer throughout the world. The couple has a son, Mischa, a daughter, Sanna, and two grandchildren.

Attached to this review will be my silent video which will show all of the pages of the book, both the designs and the photos. I will also upload a few pages in photos as well. This is a beautiful book of designs based on artwork by Marjolein Bastin. The book is published by Posh (who also publish the Thomas Kinkadee coloring books) and this one follows the same format as the Kinkadee, that is, a line drawing to the right and a matte color photo of the design to the left. The size of the book is the same (smaller than most coloring books) as is the texture of the paper. What is different is that the line drawings are in a variety of colors from yellow to green to blue to purple and more. Each design is done in a single color. The line work is delicately done and somewhat difficult to see and the colored lines do not seem to show through when I am coloring in the book. I have loved Marjolein Bastin's artwork for years. I buy her calendars, gift cards, and other household decorated items. I have loved cross stitching her designs, many of which seem to be represented in this book. It is a real thrill to be able to color designs based on her nature work. The designs are beautiful but lack details so that my finished projects will look quite different from the originals. However, I do get to enjoy Ms. Bastin's exquisite nature studies while I am coloring. I plan to purchase a second copy of this book to keep just for the colored designs. My coloring medium generally shows through and mars the photo images, so I will want the second book just to enjoy a book of her work. I could wish for (at least) two other books in the future. I would love to see a book of Vera Mouse designs and I also would love to see a larger format book of grayscale coloring based on Ms. Bastin's work. That would be a great way of getting all the detail in a coloring book which is inherently difficult with a coloring book of line drawings. The designs are printed on the right hand side of with the photo of the actual painting on the left hand side (i.e., opposite each other in the book.) Here is what I experienced while coloring in this book and testing the paper with my medium:

63 Marjolein Bastin nature designs with 63 color photos as well  
Designs printed on one side of the page with a photo on the back of the page.  
Paper is bright white, very slightly rough, non-perforated and medium weight.  
Line drawings are printed in a wide variety of colors (one color per design.)  
Designs stop before the binding area and do not leave elements dangling unfinished  
Sewn Binding  
Pages can be cut out without loss of designs or binding threads shipped to remove more than one page at a time. I don't plan to do so as I want to keep the continuity of the colored picture and design together.  
Alcohol-based markers bleed through the paper  
Water-based markers leave shadows of color (with some spotting through) on the back of the page except for the brush end of Tombows which did not leak through.  
India ink pens leave shadows of color on the back of the page  
Gel pens do not bleed through  
Colored pencils work well with this paper. I tested both oil and wax based

pencils and was able to get good results from both. I got good pigment (especially with multiple layers of the same color.) I was able to layer different colors and to blend easily using a blending stick. If you decide to use markers, you will probably have some amount of bleed-through onto the back of the page. I recommend using a heavyweight sheet of paper or card stock below your working page. That will keep ink from damaging the next design below but they will mar the colored picture on the back of the page.

First let me say that I love Marjolein Bastin's art. I just received the new Posh book and I'm a little disappointed. Each page has Marjolein's beautiful art on the left. On the right is the image to color. The problem is, the outlines are very very light and have no details as most coloring books do. I'm an experienced colorist but I like lines dark enough to see. Her last book (Hallmark Art of Nature) was fabulous. This book not as much. The paper quality is good and Marjolein's art is wonderful. My 4 star rating is based on that. Otherwise I would give it 2 stars for the aforementioned issue. It may not bother you but you might want to expand the images to look for yourself.

I am disappointed in this book. Pages are printed on both sides and the paper is poor quality.

A beautiful Marjolein Bastin coloring book! I really like that it presents her painting on one side and the other side is for your creativity.

Poor paper, you would think a watercolor artist would do better than cartridge paper, so very disappointed in this book even card stock would of been better. Pass on this one.

Can't wait to sit down and color.

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