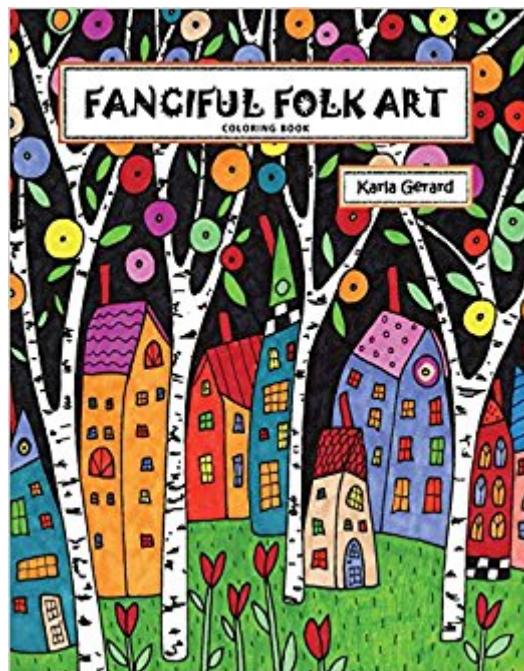


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Fanciful Folk Art Coloring Book



Synopsis

Unwind and escape into another time and place with Fanciful Folk Art. Adult coloring books are so popular right now and there are excellent reasons why: they help relieve stress, they provide a great creative outlet, and--perhaps most importantly--they are fun! This coloring book is a whimsical collection of 47 detailed drawings. Choose between: woodland scenes animals in nature village settings floral motifs. In this coloring book, folk art abstract artist Karla Gerard offers lovely patterns that are inspired by Scandinavian designs. The unique patterns range from very simple to more challenging, but would be appropriate for any age and skill level. Perforation makes it easy to detach pages for display.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Karla Gerard is a self-taught folk art abstract artist who started painting in her teenage years. Her colorful style resonates in her paintings, pillow covers, rug hooking patterns, and many other items. For more information about the artist and her works. visit www.karlagerard.com.

I really enjoy American folk art and have seen self-taught artist Karla Gerard's original artwork (online) and her rug patterns before, so when I came across a coloring book of her original, hand-drawn designs, I was thrilled to be able to purchase and color in it. *Fanciful Folk Art* is a wonderful collection of 45 modern American folk art designs. The designs have the almost child-like quality that one expects with folk art and that is what draws me to

this style. The pictures are much more sophisticated than what a child would draw but it evokes that response in me. I love to pick up colors and work in big blocks without much consideration (except, perhaps, contrast.) I only have one other coloring book that I consider to be American folk art so getting a book with so many great designs has been wonderful. The designs in the coloring book are printed on one side of medium weight non-perforated paper. I was able to get the book to lay flat by slightly breaking the spine. The binding is glued rather than sewn so you will have to cut pages out if you wish to remove them. The designs all stop well before the margins so you won't lose any portion of them if you cut them out. The artist has included a framing line around all of her designs. I really appreciate this as it gives me a natural stopping point and keeps me from wasting ink and time. It is also very frustrating to try to draw at the edge of a design when the elements are not finished. The framing line solves this and makes coloring easy and more fun. Both my alcohol and water based markers seeped through the paper. My gel pens and India ink markers left color shadows on the back of the page. My coloring pencils worked well according to type (soft or hard lead.) My soft lead pencils went on smoothly and my hard lead pencils did not leave an indent on the back of the page. As I certainly plan to use markers in this book, I will put a piece of card stock or chipboard behind the page I am working on to keep ink from seeping through to the following pages. In the comments section below, I will list the coloring mediums I used to test this coloring book.

Really stunning folk art coloring pages of many different delightful designs. I've colored mine with Sharpie markers (ultra fine point), and have had no bleed-through at all so far. (I did place a blank sheet of paper behind each design as I colored in the event it did bleed through.) I did notice a little bit of "color spread" with a few of the markers, but not significant if you concentrate on applying the color in small increments from the middle out. Not different from most coloring paper on the market these days. If you like this kind of art, this folk art coloring book will bring you many hours of relaxation and enjoyment! (Like adventuring through those delightful fairy tales your grandmother used to tell you at bedtime!)

This is the coloring book I have been waiting for since I started collecting! There are 45 images on one-sided paper and I actually like every one of them. Most are wonderfully whimsical folk art houses like the cover with a few very unique handsome women, some animals and a couple of florals, all done in a way that can't help but make me smile. I love this book!

If you love folk art, this coloring book is for you! It is delightful and has enough variety to please different coloring skill sets. The artist is truly gifted. I'm glad she has decided to share her talents for us all to enjoy!

I've noticed recently that when I choose a page to color, I've been gravitating to folk art. I loved the colorful cover on this, so I took a chance without even looking at the reviews. I absolutely love it! Great pictures to color, single-sided, perforated, and decent paper. Thank you, Karla Gerard, I can't wait to get started!

It is exactly what it looks like a fanciful folk art coloring book. I love folk art but coloring it in is a bit on the boring side so it's not really the artists fault, I love her illustrations but it just didn't translate well to a coloring book for me.

I like the folksiness of this book. Not too much going on in each picture (some others overwhelm me). I am a fan of her's from my rughooking days.

This is a fun reasonably folk art themed coloring book that is much fun to color. Interesting and fun illustrations make coloring them a relaxed and fun experience.

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