THE ART OF NATURE

COLORING BOOK

60 ILLUSTRATIONS INSPIRED BY VINTAGE BOTANICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PRINTS
Introduction

Today, beautifully colored nature prints are showing up everywhere you look—from popular design magazines and websites to the walls of your friends’ living rooms and kitchens. And now, instead of spending money on the art that’s in everyone else’s homes, you can color in the sixty beautiful black-and-white illustrations found within the pages of *The Art of Nature Coloring Book* to personalize your own walls!

Extraordinarily popular in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, these types of prints were first drawn and hand-colored by botanists, who used the lovely, pastel shades of watercolors to capture the scientific details of the flora they studied. Later, other students of the life sciences appropriated these artistic techniques, and soon birds, fish, seashells, and other types of wildlife were added to the walls of the collectors—as they can be added to yours!

With images ranging from the buzzing bee to the spiraled nautilus to the common fig, you’re sure to find something in this book that speaks to your creative side. Once you’ve decided which nature print you’d like to work on, you’ll need to choose your medium and your color palette. Traditionally, these nature prints were painted with watercolors. Today, you can achieve the same results by using colored pencils to shade and add contrast to your art. You’ll want to choose a muted color palette using colors found in nature, such as blue, green, gray, yellow, brown, pink, orange, and red. If you’re not sure which colors to choose for a particular print, all you have to do is look for a picture of the plant or animal online. Remember, nature prints were originally created for scientific reference, so if you’re looking for authenticity, let the true colors of nature guide your palette. If you’re looking to match the colors in a specific room or space in your home, that’s fine too. Let your décor be your guide. These nature prints measure 8” × 10” and will fit in a standard mat and frame once torn out of the book at the perforated edge. Hang them on your wall and enjoy the elegance of nature in your own home, year-round!

And you’ll get more than just a classic print! The very act of coloring allows your mind to focus solely on the task at hand—finishing your artwork—which doesn’t leave room for stress, doubt, or worry. Peace of mind is a wonderful thing! So, grab your pencils and get ready to appreciate the beauty of the outdoors in the comfort of your own home!
Sea Life, Birds, & Insects
COMMON STARFISH
Asterias rubens
RED TREE CORAL
Corallium rubrum
SEAHORSE
Hippocampus
NAUTILUS
Nautilidae
EDIBLE CRAB
Cancer pagurus
SAND DOLLAR
Clypeasteroida