

NORTHERN LIGHTS SOLUTION – GREEN GABLES

The 26 dots on each ring correspond to the 26 letters of the alphabet, in order clockwise. The orientation of each ring must be determined. Each path traces a clue letter-to-letter matching one enumeration below the ring (clues are given in alphabetical order).

Each clue is missing a letter. Corrected clues each refer to a color name from the Crayola color set. Rings are oriented so that their topmost letters spell, in ring order, CRAYOLAS. Each clue answer is the color of a different path somewhere in the puzzle, forming a loop of clues and answers. Note that while every effort was made to reproduce specific Crayola colors precisely, different sources give conflicting hex codes for the same color, and the pdf process also shifts colors slightly, so IDing intended paths by sight using the clue answers is required.

In puzzle order:

Top Letter / Clues with missing letter replaced / Clue Answers

C	CARNIVAL S[N]ACK LAW[N] DÉCOR	COTTON CANDY PINK FLAMINGO
R	REGAL RA[N]GE SHOWY [B]LUSTER	PURPLE MOUNTAINS MAJESTY RAZZMATAZZ
A	BEATLES LOG[O] JE[A]NS MAKEUP	GRANNY SMITH APPLE DENIM
Y	LUCKY C[L]OVER MILITARY [A]WARD	SHAMROCK PURPLE HEART
O	H[E]AVENS, FOR AIRMEN POETICAL [B]EAR	WILD BLUE YONDER FUZZY WUZZY
L	[F]INK, SLANGILY MON[K]EY'S HOME, OFTEN	CANARY TROPICAL RAIN FOREST
A	P[L]EASANT, IF SAD [K]RAFT DISH	BITTERSWEET MACARONI AND CHEESE
S	BE[A]ST OF TWO.FIVE CM STRA[N]D, MAYBE	INCHWORM MAROON

Taking a letter added to a clue, then moving to the colored path indicated by its clue answer, and repeating the process, leads to a chain of letters. Beginning at the correct point spells the clue ANNE OF BLANK BLANK, giving the colorful answer GREEN GABLES (another bleak northern locale where one might look up and see surprising colors).