



WEDDING

CLIENT GUIDE



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Hi! I'm Carmela

I'm an Argentinian illustrator based in Edinburgh, Scotland, and I'm passionate about telling stories through my art. I use watercolour and ink to create warm, heartfelt illustrations filled with emotion.

With my live guest portraits, I bring a fun and personal touch to weddings and events. It's a relaxed, interactive experience that adds magic, laughter, and lasting memories to your special day.

I'll capture this amazing time in your lives and turn it into something you'll keep forever.

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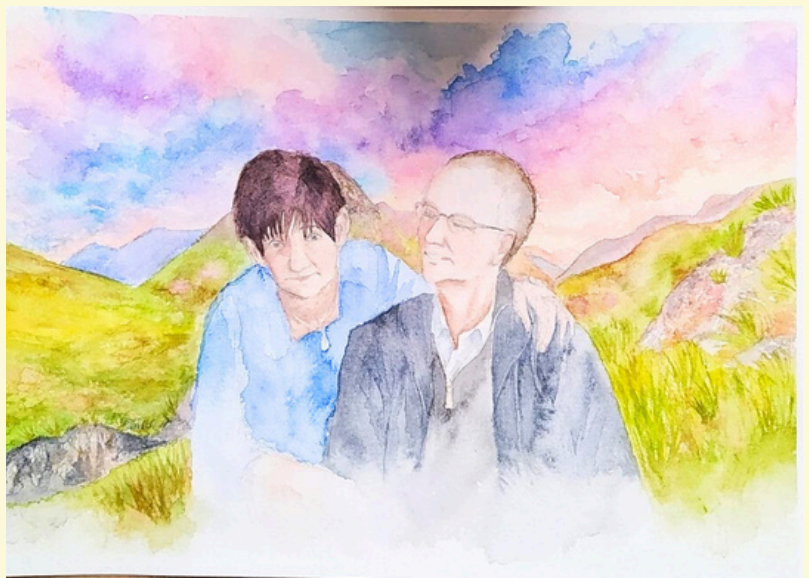
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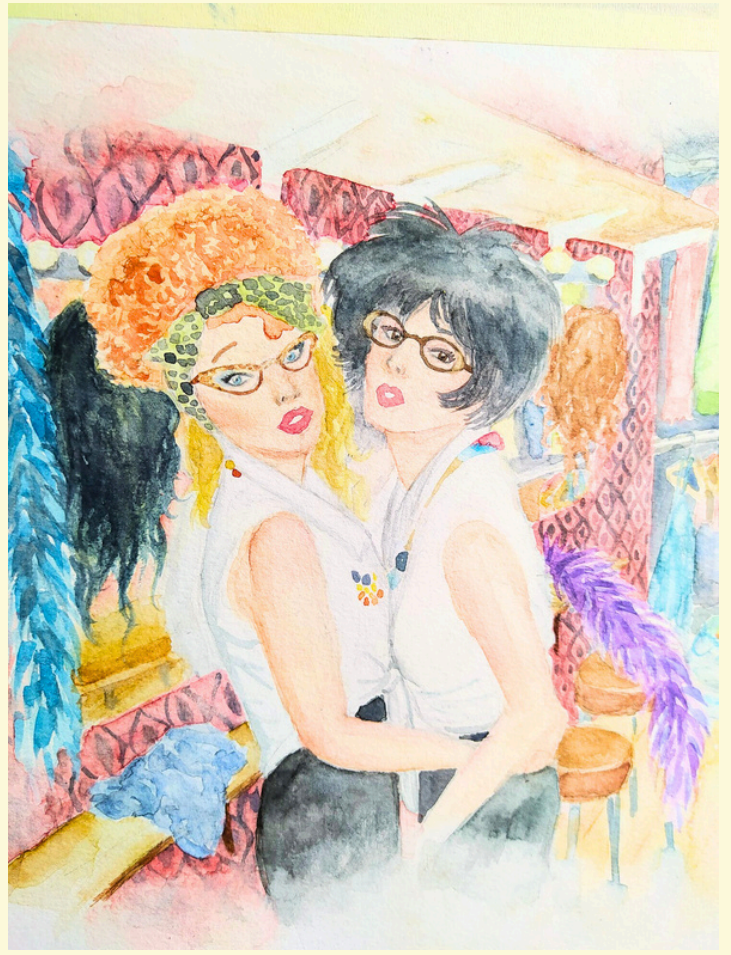
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Wedding portraits








Why Choose **LIVE** Wedding Portraits?

Live guest portraits bring a fun, creative, and personal touch to weddings and events. Guests can watch their portraits come to life right before their eyes and take home a beautiful, one-of-a-kind keepsake, a little work of art they'll treasure forever.

By choosing live illustration, you're not only creating unforgettable memories for your guests, but also supporting an independent artist and bringing art made with heart into your celebration. Each brushstroke tells part of your story, and becomes a lasting reminder of your love and the people who shared it with you.



How it works:



STEP ONE: LET'S CONNECT!

You've found me and decided I'm the perfect addition to your celebration! Get in touch and share all the details of your wedding or event, and I'll check my availability for your date.



STEP TWO: SECURE YOUR DATE

Once I receive your enquiry, I'll help you choose the right package, answer any questions you have, and send over a quote. After signing the agreement and paying the deposit, your booking is confirmed! If you have chosen the extra package I will also ask you to send me a reference photo to create your custom A4 portrait in my signature style.



STEP THREE: PLAN THE DETAILS

About a month before your event, I'll get in touch to confirm arrival and finish times, discuss the best spot for my live portrait station, and chat through any special touches; like décor inspiration or guest priorities, so everything feels just right.



STEP FOUR: YOUR BIG DAY!

On the day, I'll arrive with plenty of time to set up my live illustration station. Guests can strike a pose while I snap a quick reference photo. They're welcome to stay and watch as their portraits take shape or re-join the party. Later, they'll return to a charming mini-gallery to collect their watercolour keepsake, the perfect reminder of your unforgettable day.



STEP FIVE: AFTER YOUR CELEBRATION

Within a week after your wedding, I'll send you a digital album with all the portraits from your day, perfect for sharing with friends and family.

If you've chosen the Extra Package, I'll also finish the remaining portraits in my studio and post them to you within the same week, along with your digital album, so you can relive all the joyful faces and moments once again.



Prices & Packages

HOURLY BOOKING

£100 per hour
(Up to 3 hours)

I CREATE AROUND 6-8
PORTRAITS PER HOUR,
PERFECT FOR SMALLER
GATHERINGS.

HALF-DAY PACKAGE

£400 (4 hours)

IDEAL FOR MEDIUM-SIZED
WEDDINGS AND EVENTS. I
CREATE ABOUT 20-30
PORTRAITS OVER THE FOUR
HOURS.

FULL-DAY PACKAGE

£800 (8 hours)

A GREAT OPTION FOR
LARGER CELEBRATIONS. I
CREATE AROUND 40-55
PORTRAITS THROUGHOUT
THE DAY.



EXTRA PACKAGE



£1200

PLANNING A BIG WEDDING? MY EXTRA PACKAGE IS PERFECT WHEN THERE ISN'T ENOUGH TIME TO PAINT EVERYONE ON THE DAY. I'LL TAKE PHOTOS OF THE REMAINING GUESTS, FINISH THEIR PORTRAITS IN MY STUDIO, AND SEND THEM TO YOU BEAUTIFULLY PACKAGED, A LOVELY SURPRISE AND THE PERFECT THANK-YOU GIFT! YOU'LL ALSO RECEIVE A CUSTOM A4 FRAMED PORTRAIT OF THE COUPLE, PAINTED IN ADVANCE FROM A PHOTO YOU PROVIDE (IDEAL FOR YOUR INVITATIONS, DÉCOR, OR AS A TIMELESS KEEPSAKE)

YOU'LL GET A DIGITAL FILE TO USE BEFORE THE WEDDING, AND THE FRAMED ARTWORK WILL BE DELIVERED ON OR AFTER YOUR EVENT.

IF YOU'D LIKE IT POSTED AHEAD OF TIME, A £20 POSTAGE FEE APPLIES (UK ONLY).

Booking Details

To secure your date, a non-refundable **£100** deposit is required. Any travel or accommodation costs will be included in your invoice and must be paid in full once the invoice has been issued. The remaining balance is due four weeks before your event. All invoices include a clear breakdown of costs and payment dates, so everything is transparent and easy to follow.

Optional ADD-ONS

CUSTOM STAMP

£45

If you'd like each portrait to be stamped with the couple's names and wedding date, I can create a personalised stamp just for you. It adds a lovely finishing touch to every painting, and you'll get to take the stamp home at the end of the day as a keepsake. Just let me know if you'd like to include it, and I'll add it to your booking!



TRAVEL COSTS

Starting from £100

For weddings outside Edinburgh and the Lothians, travel costs are calculated based on distance, fuel, time, and general wear and tear.

Travel fees start from £100, depending on the location.

To justify travel time and expenses, a minimum booking of 4 hours is required for events outside Edinburgh and the surrounding areas



ACCOMMODATION

If your event is outside Edinburgh and runs past 7 PM, I may require overnight accommodation at a budget-friendly nearby location. This helps ensure I can travel back safely. For weddings in Edinburgh and surrounding areas, I'm happy to stay later without any additional costs.





FAQs:



How long does it take?

Each couple's portrait takes roughly 10–15 minutes. For guests there's no waiting, I simply take a quick photo and they're free to wander off, dance, or enjoy a drink while I work. Finished portraits are displayed on a board nearby for guests to collect at their leisure.

What do you need for setup?



I bring all materials; paints, brushes, and display items. You just need to provide a chair and a sturdy table in a well-lit corner. I paint using fineliner ink, watercolours, and pencils on A5 high-quality watercolour card.

What's included in my booking?

Every booking comes with:

- A5 guest portraits, around 40–55 portraits for a full 8-hour day (6–8 per hour).
- Clear protective sleeves for every portrait so guests can take them home safely.
- Digital Album of the portraits for the couple to share
- If choosing the Extra package an A4 portrait of the couple with a meaningful background (florals, small love story detail). This portrait will be done before the event, and the image can be used by the couple.



If you want to Illustrate your love story:



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