

Aileen Raistrick

Illustrator | Background Artist | Designer | Games Artist

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I am a Manchester UK based Artist and Illustrator with extensive industry experience in the design of wall art, book illustrations, backgrounds for children's TV animation and handheld games.

I have worked as an Illustrator, Designer and Background Artist & Lead. I have proven experience of working under pressure, problem solving and meeting demanding deadlines, combined with excellent communication skills. Very happy to work solo or as part of a team.

Skills

- Illustrator - digital & traditional
- Background Artist & Lead
- Location Designer
- Games Artist
- Glass Artist
- Adobe Photoshop
- Illustration, design & drawing skills
- Watercolour, pastel, coloured pencil
- Adobe Illustrator (working knowledge)

Experience

Contracting Artist, Illustrator & Designer

June 2024 - Present

Various illustration projects and commissions including:

Eden Square: series of wall art - digital

Pet portraits - pencil, pastel

Glass design: flower artwork, jewellery, wall art

Leaping Hedgehog: cards, prints - digital and traditional

Background Painter

Hey! AJ | Surfing Giant Europe

January 2023 - May 2024

Painting backgrounds to an established style.

Background Artist and Designer

Stan Can | Mackinnon & Saunders

October 2023 - December 2023

Creating locations, backgrounds and props.

Background Lead & Initial Location Design

Daisy & Ollie Series 1-5 | Hoopla Studio

April 2019 - August 2023

Pre-production: Creating the style and initial location designs and assets.

Production: Preparing the rough backgrounds ready for Layout and Paint teams. Reviewing the work of the Background team and providing feedback. Liaising with the Directors and Leads in Layout and Animation to ensure the backgrounds are coherent with other departments.

Background Lead

Pip Ahoy! Series 1-3 | CHF Entertainment

Pilots & Background Design | CHF Entertainment

November 2013 - April 2019

Preparing the rough backgrounds ready for the Background team. Reviewing and providing feedback and assistance for my team. Liaising with other departments and Directors to maintain the quality throughout. Development and Design for various pilots.

Contracting Artist & Illustrator

Working in a variety of fields as an Illustrator and Artist. Contracts include:
Infographics Designer | BBC Knowledge & Learning
Android and iOS artwork | Connect2Media
UI Designer | PlayFoundry
Say What You See series | Big Ideas Digital
Various Illustration projects

Early Career

Senior 2D Artist

Handheld & Mobile Games | Connect2Media
Concept art, character designs, animation, front end and in-game graphics. Titles include:
Overrun with Puppies, Timeloop, 365 series, Incredible Hulk Rampage, California Games,
Little Miss Naughty
Concept art, sketches and character design for development of new and licensed IP's including various
Hasbro games, The Dog and Evolution
Reworking published PC titles for the Android market including Jaws, Governor of Poker and TXT Fighter

Ace Lightning and the Carnival of Doom | Tiertex Design Studios
Liaised with the BBC to produce level design, in-game graphics and maps for GBA

David Beckham license | Rage Software
Interactive Television, Mobile

Various Web Games | Friendly Giants

Background Artist and Book Illustrator

Various animated series | Fat City Films
Philbert Frog, Billy, Captain Star, Zot the Dog, Slim Pig, Monster series, Noodles & Nedd,
Peter and the Wolf
Philbert Frog book series, My Favourite Monsters – Hazar Publishing Ltd
Little Monsters book series – Splash! Publishing Ltd
Various television commercials, pilot videos and title sequences

The Fiddley Foodle Bird | Whizzline Animation
Animated Children's series for BBC

Education

Art & Design Foundation Course, Bradford
BA Hons Design for Communication Media (Illustration), Manchester

Interests

I love my job! As long as I have a brush/pencil/wacom pen in my hand I am happy. I also love running, going to the gym, making stained glass objects and drinking good coffee with friends. And of course, playing with my cat Rosie!

References

Available upon request