

Leela ILLUSTRATES



Live Wedding Illustration Services

illustrated keepsakes for sentimental souls

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Hello!

I'm Leela. I'm so glad you're here!

I delight couples and their wedding guests with my warm, nostalgic, and inclusive illustration style.

Live illustration is an experience that the vast majority of people have never had the opportunity to enjoy. We have thousands of photos on our phones but how many tangible, ready-to-frame pieces of art, painted in the moment and immediately evoking memories of the most special of days?

Live illustration – how it works

1. I arrive early and set up before your guests begin to filter in.
2. As the first guests arrive, I capture a quick reference photo - nothing formal, just natural and relaxed.
3. The painting begins! As illustrations start to appear, they spark curiosity and conversation.
4. Throughout the day I build a little pop-up gallery, filling it with portraits of your favourite people.
5. Depending on your chosen package, guests take their illustrations on the day, or everything is gathered and delivered to you afterwards.



Packages & extras

CELEBRATE THE MOMENT

The 'On-the-day' Live Illustration Experience

Is giving your guests the ultimate day to remember at the top of your wedding wishlist?

Celebrate The Moment is a live illustration experience performed on the day of your wedding, designed to create a unique talking point and entertainment for your loved ones.

Depending on your guest count, timings of your day and the level of detail you'd like including, I'll advise on how many guests I estimate will be illustrated on your day. Lots of factors can influence this (hello, patterned dresses!), but generally I illustrate between 6-12 guests per hour.

Always a superb talking point - the live illustration experience is one your guests are sure to remember long afterwards!

Half Day: £700 / Full Day: £1000

Includes travel of up to 20 miles from my studio, with additional mileage at 45p/mile

Half Day not available on weekends from May to October.



GIFT OUR GUESTS

Live Illustration plus studio time
to ensure nobody misses out

Do you love the idea of gifting each one of your guests a beautifully illustrated keepsake?

Gift Our Guests includes a full day of live illustration on your wedding day, plus studio time to paint every guest who'd love a portrait.

Priced by guest count, you rest easy knowing that even if a few of your guests are slower off the mark to pose for their photo, they won't be left out. Perfect for larger guest lists, this works especially well to include older family members as well as guests with small children, where grabbing a reference photo can take a little more coaxing!

Including personalised backing cards, you choose whether guests take their illustrations on the day or whether I send them all to you afterwards. They make wonderful thank you gifts!

From £1200 (based on 60 guests / three quarters length body portraits)

Includes travel of up to 20 miles from my studio, with additional mileage at 45p/mile





The full shebang

THE ULTIMATE KEEPSAKE SUITE

THE FULL COLLECTION OF KEEPSAKES FOR SENTIMENTAL SOULS.

Hiring an illustrator for your guests is lovely, but what about the two of you? The most important celebration of your love deserves the ultimate suite of keepsakes.

Illustrated keepsakes for sentimental souls

The Ultimate Keepsake Suite includes a full day of live illustration, plus studio time to create an illustrated suite featuring you, your loved ones, and those special details you've carefully chosen which make your wedding day uniquely yours.

If you adore the idea of a luxury illustrated collection of original art painted especially to celebrate your love, made to treasure long after your wedding, this is the package for you.

Giving you:

- Up to 7 hours of live illustration on your wedding day.
- All of your guests illustrated with full body portraits.
- Luxury hard backed keepsake book.
- A3 studio portrait of happy couple.
- A4 venue portrait.
- 6 x mini 'Details Of Our Day' illustrations.
- A3 'Our Guests' montage print.
- Personalised backing cards with a message from you and matching envelopes, ready to gift to your guests.
- Digital copies of all guest illustrations.
- Travel included up to 100 miles from my studio in Guisborough.

Investment starts at £2500 based on 60 guests - bespoke quote available following consultation.

Compare Packages



INCLUDED IN PACKAGE

AVAILABLE AS AN OPTIONAL EXTRA

Package Feature	Celebrate The Moment	Gift Our Guests	The Ultimate Keepsake Suite
Live Guest Illustration	✓	✓	✓
Studio time		✓	✓
Choice of watercolour or digital	✓	✓	✓
Personalised backing cards		✓	✓
Upgraded personalisation & matching envelopes		✓	✓
Happy couple portrait	✓	✓	✓
Venue portrait	✓	✓	✓
'Details of our day' illustrations	✓	✓	✓
Keepsake Book		✓	✓
A3 'Our Guests' montage print		✓	✓
Digital copies of guest illustrations		✓	✓
Travel included	Up to 20 miles each way	Up to 20 miles each way	Up to 100 miles each way

Optional Extras

TAILOR YOUR LIVE ILLUSTRATION PACKAGE

Extras available for 'Celebrate the Moment' and 'Gift Our Guests' packages:

- Happy couple portrait painted afterwards in my studio and mounted, ready to frame:
A4: £150
A3: £200
- Venue portrait painted afterwards in my studio and mounted, ready to frame:
A4: £180
A3: £250
- 6 x mini 'Details' illustrations (cake, flowers, venue etc):
£150

Extras only available for 'Gift Our Guests' package:
(where illustrations are gathered at the end of the day and brought back to my studio)

Prices based on 60 guests

- Full body guests portrait upgrade from £300
- A4 luxury Keepsake Book (including scanning/digital editing fee): from £400
- A3 'Our Guests' Montage print, mounted and ready to frame: from £250 (including scanning/digital editing fee), OR from £100 if also purchasing Keepsake Book
- Digital copies of watercolour guest illustrations: from £200 (including scanning/digital editing fee), OR from £75 if also purchasing Keepsake Book or Montage print

Digital Option

For a modern alternative to watercolour illustration, swap to digital for any of my packages at no extra cost.

Why? If your guest list has lots of singles, or friendship groups, your guests can ask for several copies of the same illustration so they can each take home their own keepsake. They can even browse and download all illustrations completed on the day via a QR code, and share directly from their phones.

You get all the delight of skilful, hand-drawn portraits, with the benefit of shareable, printable gifts for your guests.



Why couples choose me

I'm a professional illustrator who fell in love with the wedding industry!

I previously specialised in dreaming up fun-filled children's characters for clients such as Crayola, before discovering that my charming illustrative style perfectly complements the joyous energy of weddings.

I cover weddings in the North East and North Yorkshire, and was over the moon to be recently awarded best Wedding Special Touch in the region at The Wedding Industry Awards (TWIA) 2026, as well as Highly Commended in the best Newcomer category. Wish me luck for the finals!

I'm friendly, reliable, honest, sentimental, and passionate about delighting you and your wedding guests with these most special of keepsakes.

I draw from scratch using either traditional pen and watercolour or digitally, by hand and without using templates, so everyone feels seen - and celebrated for their unique beauty!



"Leela illustrated our wedding and we would definitely recommend her. Leela's artwork is beautiful, the keepsake book is gorgeous, all the guests loved having their portraits done with many still talking about them, months after the wedding."

~ Francesca



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Frequently asked questions

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO ILLUSTRATE SOMEONE?

This depends! 'Head and shoulders' sketches take less time, 'full body' portraits take longer. On average, for 'three-quarters' portraits, I average 10 minutes per person.

For my 'Celebrate the Moment' package, I will discuss with you what kind of illustration you'd love for your guests in consideration with your guest numbers.

WHERE DO YOU TRAVEL TO?

I prefer to stay within around two hours' drive of my studio in Guisborough, but I will consider travelling further if it works for me and you! Travel costs can be quoted for on request.

CAN YOU PAINT PEOPLE WHO CAN'T COME TO OUR WEDDING?

Yes, but only as part of studio time in my **Gift Our Guests** and **The Ultimate Keepsake Suite** packages. Due to the 'in the moment' entertainment element of the Celebrate The Moment package, I will only illustrate guests present on your day who I am able to photograph myself.

WHAT MATERIALS DO YOU USE?

For watercolour portraits I use professional Holbein watercolour paints on A6 (roughly postcard-sized) high quality watercolour paper which has been cut to size by hand.

For digital I use an iPad Pro with Apple Pencil to draw, and quality Canon inks to print. I print on-site at 4x6" but guests can download their illustrations and print larger themselves, should they wish to.

How to book me

CONSULTATION AND BOOKING

If you're interested in booking me, the next step is for us to have a relaxed consultation video call. There's no hard sell from me, I genuinely love hearing about your wedding plans, and want to help you choose the best package for your unique celebration.

Once you decide on your perfect live illustration package, I'll send over my booking form, an invoice and my T&Cs. I require a 40% non-refundable deposit to secure your booking, with your remaining balance due 12 weeks before your wedding date. Alternatively, you may choose a payment plan to spread the cost until the balance is cleared 12 weeks before your wedding (transaction fees apply).

Closer to your wedding date, we'll catch up to go through final timings and details for your day, and I'll design any personalised elements for you.





Leela illustrated at our wedding in September and she was great! On the day, Leela was very professional and organised, and was a very popular addition to our day. We have been so excited to see all the illustrations and Leela really exceeded all of our expectations! We can't wait to frame ours! Would highly recommend Leela.

~ Hebe

Ready to chat?

If you haven't already, please complete my enquiry form and I'll check my availability for your date. I'll get back to you within 24 hours with next steps. I can't wait to hear from you!

[CLICK HERE](#)

Speak soon,

Leela

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