

What Happens During the Commission Process

Commissioning a painting is a collaborative and thoughtful process. Each piece develops gradually, allowing both the artist and the client to shape a final artwork that feels true to the horse being portrayed.

While every commission is unique, the process usually follows a few simple steps

1. The Initial Inquiry

The process usually begins with a conversation.

You may send:

- Photographs of your horse
- The size of painting you have in mind
- Any ideas you have for the composition
- A few words about the horse and your relationship with them

This information helps the artist understand both the visual and emotional intention behind the piece.



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2. Selecting the Reference Images

Together, we review the photographs to determine which image best represents your horse.

In some cases, the final composition may combine elements from multiple photos, such as:

- The posture from one image
- The expression from another
- A different background

This ensures the painting captures the horse in a way that feels both accurate and meaningful.

3. Securing the Commission

Once the details are agreed upon, a deposit is required to reserve the commission.

This confirms the project and secures a place in the painting schedule.

The remaining balance is typically paid upon completion before the painting is delivered.

4. Early Composition

Before the painting develops too far, a composition or early-stage image may be shared to confirm that the overall layout feels right.

At this stage, small adjustments can still be made if needed.

This step ensures the direction of the painting aligns with your expectations.

5. The Painting Process

Oil paintings are created gradually through layered brushwork.

Each layer adds depth, texture, and subtle colour variations that bring the subject to life.

Because oil paint requires time to settle between layers, the painting process unfolds slowly and intentionally.



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6. Final Completion

When the painting is complete, photographs of the finished artwork will be shared with you.

Once the final balance is settled, the painting can be:

- Carefully packaged and shipped
- Collected in person if preferred

7. A Painting That Becomes Part of Your Home

Once the painting arrives, it often becomes more than a piece of art.

It becomes a quiet presence in the home – a reminder of a horse that shaped a chapter of life.

Over time, the painting simply becomes part of the space where its story continues to be remembered.



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