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SKETCHES OF HOMES - FAQ

Q – Do you draw these by hand or with a computer?

A – Each image is sketched by hand, using fine point artist pens. I utilize a free-hand, simple-line drawing technique. I then scan the images into my computer so that I can create the prints and stationary.

Q – Your sketches are beautiful! Why are they so inexpensive? You should charge more for your work.

A – I grew up in a working class neighborhood where homeownership was a sacred privilege. My neighbors were very proud of their homes but did not have the luxury of spending \$100 or more for a cherished keepsake. I love what I do and it's important for me to make my sketches available to everyone, both for gifts and for themselves. I think it's great to give an expensive-looking (but affordable to buy) gift to people I care about and want you to be able to afford to do so, also.

Q – How long does it take for you to sketch the house and send it back to me?

A – I usually put the sketch order in the mail within two weeks of when I receive the order. If you need it sooner, give me a call or send me an email and we'll figure something out.

Q – Do you sketch anything besides houses?

A – Yes – churches, schools, commercial buildings, and boats.

Q – Do you draw people or pets?

A – To quote my daughters, "No noses, no toes-es." My background is in Interior Design...I can capture the character of a home but, sadly, not people or animals. I've learned my limitations!

Q – What are the three sizes of prints?

A – Small - an image size of approximately 4 ½" x 6 ½", matted to fit an 8" x 10" frame
Medium - an image size of approximately 7 ½" x 9 ½", matted to fit an 11" x 14" frame
Large - an image size of approximately 10 ½" x 13 ½", matted to fit a 16" x 20" frame

Q – Will I be able to find a frame to fit the matted prints?

A – Yes! All three mat sizes will fit into standard size frames, available at any major retailer that sells frames.

Q – Do you draw in color?

A – I prefer to work in only one color, usually black. If you would like a particular element drawn in color (ie a wreath on the door, a flag, etc) let me know and we can probably work something out.

Q – What color mats are available?

A – There are too many mat colors available for me to keep them all in stock, so I offer only black mats. I do have a limited supply of hunter green mats in *only* the 11” x 14” size.

Q – What should I say in the caption under the sketch?

A – Whatever you want or nothing at all. Some ideas include:

The Daugherty Family
123 Main Street

Twenty Years of Memories
123 Main Street

Our First Home
Established 1997

Bible verse or well-loved quotes also work well. One I like is:

“May the roof of this house never fall in and the friends gathered under it, never fall out.”

Q – Can you work from emailed photos?

A – Recently I’ve found that emailed photos are usually good enough to work from. If not, I’ll ask for a hard copy.

Q – If I send you photos, will they be returned?

A – Yes. I’ll send them with the order. But if the photo is irreplaceable, please make a copy first and send only the copy!

Q – How many photos do I need to send? And should I take the picture straight-on or from an angle?

A – Try to take several photos showing the entire house, including one straight-on. If you only have one photo, send it along and I’ll go from there.

Q – It’s November. I don’t want to take the picture now - there aren’t any leaves on the trees!

A – Don’t worry! I will draw in abstract leaves and vegetation to fill in the plant life.

Q – Can you skip the window air conditioner / hose caddy / Halloween decorations?

A – Absolutely! I leave out all that “extra” stuff without being asked. But if the basketball hoop is the stuff of family legend, let me know it’s important and I’ll include it.

Q – In the photo, the boat is sitting on the trailer in the driveway. Can you draw it without the trailer?

A – Yes. I’ve actually used a mountain lake scene for several boat sketches and the customers were very pleased. They said it matched their ultimate boating dreams! I can also place the boat in a Lake Erie scene with break wall or a lighthouse.

Q – Help! My mom/sister/friend will notice my car out front if I try to take a picture!

A – If the house is in Cuyahoga, Lorain or Medina counties, I’ll take the photo for you for an additional fee of \$12.

Q – What if I want to reorder stationary or another print?

A – All images are kept on file, making future reorders easy.