

The Questions

- 1. Sizing:** Let's get a better idea of what size you are looking for! Think about several spaces in your home and what sizes they can fit. Are you looking for small, medium, large, or maybe even an extra large? Here are some maple ranges:
 - a. Small: ~ 18" x 24"
 - b. Medium: ~30" x 40" / 24" x 36"
 - c. Large: 36" x 48"
 - d. Extra Large: 48" x 60"
- 2. Orientation:**
 - a. Portrait
 - b. Landscape
 - c. Square
- 3. Width:** Some sizes can come with different widths. This is something to consider if you are thinking about framing. If you want to eventually frame, I would suggest getting a .75" width. Regardless if you frame or not, I paint all sides of the canvas so it can hang without a frame. A 1.5" width just gives more of side color and is a bit heavier.
 - a. .75"
 - b. 1.5"
- 4. Colors:** Colors are the best thing in the world and they are the most fun to play with! Whether you have a color vibe in mind, or just a few colors you want to have an appearance, or maybe you want 1 color but the rest is full surprise. It's up to you!
 - a. Is there a strong color vibe you would like to show within the painting?
 - b. Name a few colors you like.
 - c. In general what colors would you like to see in your painting?
 - d. Name some vibes you like: earth tones, vibrant, pastels, flowers, winter, spring, the sky, the moon, etc.
 - e. Feel free to collect some objects around your house that hold a color vibe you like, for me to take while I paint your piece.
 - f. If you know your colors exactly, you can send a color palette over.
- 5. Technique:** I have a few different techniques and styles I paint with. Sometimes I start with one in mind, and other times I just play on the canvas and something comes out. Check out my website, www.madelinenortonart.com, and check out my Instagram @thepaintess and look around at some paintings. Are there any styles that you gravitate towards? Did you have anything specific in mind? Name a few paintings you like.
- 6. Music:** This is the BEST PART! Each painting I create is painted to a specific musician/band. The canvas will be stamped on the back with that information. Music is a huge part of my painting process, and I derive a lot of my energy from it. What specific musician/band would you like your painting to?
 - a. One musician/band (Bob Dylan)
 - b. Multiple musicians/bands (Bob Dylan and Neil Young)
 - c. Genre of music (Classical Music)
 - d. Playlist (Our Favorite Songs)
- 7. Timeframe:** The normal turnaround time for a commission is around 1-2 months. If a specific timeframe is requested, we can definitely work to make that happen. Do you have a timeframe in mind
- 8. Theme:** Is there something that you would like to tie into this piece, like an anniversary, wedding, love story, how you met, home vibes, etc.? Or, I'd be happy to just meet with you and pull your energy into the piece.