



## Artists Series - Meet Raquel Maciel

I just love early evening walks at this time of year - what about you? The birds singing, bats and birds flying overhead and fireflies. I LOVE fireflies. The ladies wait in the bushes, while the guys fly by and blink. If they like the guy, the lady firefly blinks back. There is a sort of mystery and magic to it. The brief, bright flash appears to come from nowhere. This time near the end of summer is a time I treasure. As a plus, it happens in the cool of the evening, usually after a hot summer day.

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Check out these samples and then click on any of them to  
see her recent work

Raquel Maciel captures the time and magic of late summer evenings. Her drawings can include vegetables fresh from the garden, the animals that she sees, flowers and a wide variety of things. She expresses wonder, mystery and just a tad bit of whimsy. I hope you enjoy her beauty in the samples below. I know she would like to work with you to bring that emotional connection to your customers.



We asked Raquel a few questions so that you can get to know her better.



### What is your favorite activity in the summer?

We, as a family, love the outdoors. We love camping and hiking in Provincial Parks here in Quebec, Canada. We kind of created a game among our friends, to "collect" pinback buttons (that I design myself, of course) of different Parks. A homemade pin is given to the family after proving they have done at least part of a trail. The goal is to visit all of the Provincial Parks. we all got annual passes, so we might reach the goal some day!

### What is your favorite thing about being an artist?



I am not very good with oral communication. Regardless of the language I am speaking, even Portuguese, my first language, I find it difficult to express myself. Being an artist allows me to show who I am. And it also helps me deal with anxiety.

**If time and money were no object, what is one thing that you would like to do?**

I would love to find a stunning location, invite a bunch of artist friends and art enthusiasts to an art retreat, where we could all create! to be able to let the location and the company be the inspiration!



**What do you like people to feel from looking at your art?**

I don't aim for gorgeous and perfect pieces of art when I am creating. I'd like people to find it interesting. I aim for "Raquel's art is a bit odd at times, I don't always get it, but somehow it makes me feel good and it brightens my day!"

**Where do you go for inspiration?**

My #1 place to go for inspiration is nature. Animals, landscapes, textures! Also, I love going shopping, especially in winter, when there's not much going on outside in terms of inspiration for me. I often get inspired when I see a store all decorated and a collection well put together!



**Last time you went shopping what stood out to you?**

I have just returned from a trip to Brazil, where I am originally from. I did a lot of shopping there. What stood out to me was the amazing fabric prints! I had almost forgotten about how stunning Brazilian prints are, especially swimwear and lovely summer decor!



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