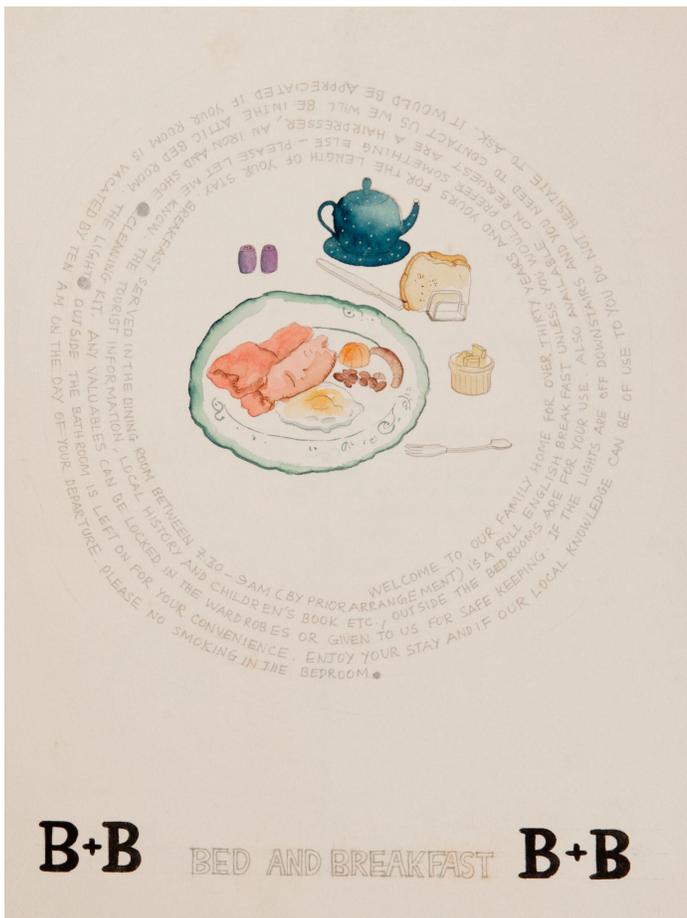


# Stories With Art: Make A Still Life Story



Sometimes, still life artists experiment by adding interesting components to their artworks. Here is an example where the artist has added text!

You will see a bigger font below the painting, and smaller fonts spiralling around the painting. How do you imagine the artist drew this spiral text?

Let's break it down and look closely at each element now.

Bed and breakfast, V. C. Abhimanue, Watercolour and graphite on paper, 2002

## The items

Look closely and respond to the following prompts:

- How many items do you recognise and can name? Make a list.
- What time of the day does this combination of items remind you of?
- Does it also make you think of a space or setting? What is it?

## The text

What are the biggest words in the image? Can you say them out loud? Now read the smaller words that encircle these items. To make it easy for you, we have reproduced the text here:

*“Welcome to our family home for over thirty years and yours for the length of your stay. Breakfast served in the dining room between 7.30 - 9.00 AM (by prior arrangement) is a full English breakfast unless you would prefer something else - please let me know. The tourist information, local history and children’s book etc. outside the bedrooms are for your use. Also available on request are a hairdresser, an iron and shoe cleaning kit. Any valuables can be locked in the wardrobes or given to us for safekeeping. If the lights are off downstairs and you need to contact us, we will be in the attic bedroom. The light outside the bathroom is left on for your convenience. Enjoy your stay and if our local knowledge can be of use to you do not hesitate to ask. It would be appreciated if your room is vacated by 10.00 am on the day of your departure. Please no smoking in the bedroom.”*

- Who do you think is speaking these words and who are they being spoken to?
- What kind of a personality do you think the speaker has?
- Together with the image and text, where do you think one would usually find such a painting or item?

Taking inspiration from this image, can you create your own still life that includes text to help narrate a story? You can use one single item or a mix of many, but make sure that your text is related to these items and help the viewer imagine a story (just like you did with the example).



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