

NATHASA RAE – WATERCOLOR & INK ILLUSTRATION

Nathasa Rae (pronounced Natasha Ray)

Art Illustrated dedicated to inspiring, empowering, and encouraging others.

I create mighty fierce warrior women who embrace their inner strength and beauty. These warrior queens are created to empower others to embody their own power and stunning grace.

Supplies Used:

- Black India Ink
- Acrylic Color Inks
- Colored Pencils
- Light Box
- Pen
- Watercolors
- 315gsm Cotton Paper
- Cloth (to prevent smudges)

Process:

“I started creating this art collection as a way to honor the strong, beautiful and capable woman in my family. After knowing my mother and aunts and hearing of my grandmothers, and great grandmothers there was always a theme of strength,

grace and beauty. My very first warrior princess represents the stories I've been told while also honoring my native American and African roots.”

When creating a warrior, I research a specific culture, tribes and historical backgrounds. Then I research different poses and think of the story behind the warriors. I take these elements into consideration when creating my warriors.

I am a woman who's been told who she ought to be. What makes a woman beautiful, and what is not. I am a woman who's heard that a true woman could not be both strong and beautiful, both loud and graceful, both confident and peaceful. I am a woman who has been told she has to be skinny or curvy to be considered a truly beautiful woman. But that is all a lie. God created us in all these complex stunningly beautiful ways and we don't have to sacrifice parts of our identities to embrace that beauty. And that is why I create the art I do.

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