



**Beauty:
What we allow and
What we disregard.**

- Ciel Ellis -

Have you ever had your breath catch when you are in the presence of something beautiful? I sure have. It is a wonderful feeling. But what often happens is I turn it around and discredit the feeling simply because of some idea that I have around that beauty. Let me see if any of these things resonate with you.



Lilacs; 5x7"; Oil on canvas; © Ciel Ellis

Is it 'okay' for me to have beautiful things?

Feeling worthy of beautiful things is an area that trips me up. As a child I was criticized for always wanting things my way. Now as an adult I question that criticism, why wouldn't I create a life that I'm happy to live, which also means allowing myself to have the things that make me happy.

Knowing what makes me happy is a process of testing what I like. This can be tricky because in the case of art or furniture, I'm not always sure if it will work with the rest of the items in my home. It's been helpful to have the option to take it home and try it out without a complicated process of returning it, if it doesn't work. I provide a 100%, 30 Day, no questions asked, return policy with my art so you have the freedom to try a piece of art in your home and see if you like it with the rest of your decor.



Hidden Gem; 12 x 12"; Oil on Canvas; © Ciel Ellis

Will it look good in the space I have in mind?

I'm a visual person, I can often imagine what something will look like in a different venue before I go to the effort of taking it home and trying it out. However, there is always a lingering question of whether my perceptions of my space are actually accurate.

Many people I've met are not as good at imagining what it would really look like. What's really great is that now we have the technology to impose a painting either on to an image of your exact room, or a generic room that gives you a better idea of what the piece of art would look like on your wall. It's pretty cool.



Montreal Hibiscus; 8x16"; Oil on canvas board; © Ciel Ellis

If I have what I love, what other concerns come up?

I was thinking about these gorgeous flowers that I paint and realized that I love flowers, yet I rarely allow myself to purchase them from the flower vendors. It's partly the cost and partly the fact that they don't last very long, perhaps a week, if I'm lucky. I hate throwing that beautiful investment out after such a short period of time. As I finish pieces and hang them around my home to cure, it occurred to me that these blooms will never expire. I'll never have to throw them out. In fact, I'll be able to pass them on to my family in time as an heirloom and legacy. I love that.



Peony Flames; 54x 54"; Oil on canvas; © Ciel Ellis

Another thing that happens is I find myself saying:

“Wow! That’s beautiful. I’m too scared to ask the price. It’s probably a lot. I don’t want to have to walk away feeling like I can’t afford it. I hate that feeling.”

I realize I have a taste for beautiful things that don't always match my expendable income. And I do have expendable income. If I could space out the payments then I could have that beautiful thing that I desire. When I have done this, I have been over the moon that I could actually have the thing that I have come to love. With that in mind, I’ve decided to provide payment plans so you too can have the option to have something that you love.

It’s pretty exciting to think about allowing ourselves to have what we want and to find a way to try things out, spread out the payments, return it if it really doesn’t work in the space. It feels less risky somehow. It also feels gentler to our nervous systems. Also having a legacy to pass on is pretty cool.



Focused Chorus; 6x12"; Oil on canvas board; © Ciel Ellis

It's my hope that I have answered some of the things that you stumble upon when you think about buying something you love, let me know if there is anything that I've missed.

With love and respect.

Ciel Ellis.

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