

## Makiko

Makiko was born in Japan, studying Design at Nagoya Girl's University. After graduating Makiko worked as a freelance designer for several textile printing companies.

In recent years she has studied Graphic Design and Illustration and is now based in Belgium. For almost 20 years she has been working as freelance illustrator for Greeting Cards and Children's publishing. She describes the art licensing industry as a magical world of which she loves been a apart of.

"As I love nature and animals, most of my illustrations are animals. My inspiration comes from the innocent movement of animals and children. And for me animals are good way of conveying a message and emotion." Says Makiko.

Makiko experiements with different artistic techniques, but mostly favours water colour. Her new challenge is digital art. When Makiko is not painting and illustrating she enjoys traveling, good movies and good Japanese food.

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