



Ciao Café Coupeville



Whistler Portobello Café Breakfast

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"My coffee shop sketches explore the cultural role of cozy cafés as communal spaces for reflection. Pieces like *Social Grounds Coffee Shop* capture the quaint atmosphere of local hangouts through quick observational drawings. Beyond stimulating creativity with an energizing beverage, coffeehouses encourage slowing down to savor community, conversation, and art. Patrons gather to read, write, play music, or simply soak in the ambient buzz. My sketches—made with my own brand of art journal—document these casual creative spaces.

"Coffee's bitterness mirrors life's struggles, yet its aroma brings an assurance of small pleasures that make toil worthwhile. My pieces honor coffee's ability to forge fellowship and provide daily renewal. I aim to pay tribute to how coffee culture stimulates art, introspection, and our shared human experience."



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