

ARTIST STATEMENT

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Joyous with bright color, or quiet with shades of gray, my art often reflects my mood. I like to celebrate the everyday object, so anything from kitchen gadgets to avocados to utility poles can find its way into my work. If I'm feeling colorful, I'll usually turn to organic objects, such as fruit, for inspiration. When I want to be serious and linear, I pick up a graphite pencil and draw utility poles against a dark sky. Either way, the subject matter comes from what I see around me, and I hope to give the viewer a fresh look at the ordinary.

I work primarily in two dimension. Printmaking, drawing, and water-based paint are my mediums of choice. I recently started experimenting with gouache because my eldest daughter gave me her large gouache set. Painted light bulbs hanging from the ceiling of an Ann Arbor bookstore caught my attention, so I tried to capture their whimsy in this painting. It was my first attempt using gouache.