

**Scruffy**

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*Shade in the Desert*

I create art mostly for self-validation. My works help me show myself and others that I am capable of creating, rather than merely consuming. My art is something I'll always have; they can take my freedom, but as long as I breathe I can make something beautiful.

I made the soap box cars out of boredom - one day I sat in the dayroom and there was a bar of soap on the table. I took out my ID and someone suggested I 'make a match-box car.'

American Minimalist is a sort of parody of the medium - of art itself. So many people think art has to be complex or contain some symbolism. I find it's nice to just take conceptions of good art and turn them on their head.