

**Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners**

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This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year to participate in the PCAP Annual Exhibition. My

creative skills are limited to mostly crocheting. Starting at the age of 5, I

did not do anymore crocheting until I came to prison nearly 60 years later.

This past year I have made several items for babies. My most recent

project was a blanket, hat, booties, and bib for a November shower for a baby to

be born in January 2022. For my PCAP entry I decided to continue the baby theme.

"Zig-Zag Boy" is a sweater and hat set for a little boy. I had seen a pattern for a zig-zag afghan that I modified into a sweater and hat.

"Citrus Girl" is a poncho and hat set for a little girl. It was inspired by a queen sized afghan I am making. When the variegated "Rose Garden" yarn I ordered from the tiny catalog picture came it was citrus colored instead of pinks and greens. I thought the colors would be good for a little girl. I found another border pattern for a unique way to make nice square corners for the afghan. As I worked on it, a reminder of a pre-school sweetheart's blue and white poncho complete with the little holes down the center came to mind. So became "Citrus Girl" poncho and hat.

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