

Artist Name: Thomas Wingard

My artwork is all crocheted work. My grandmother taught me to crochet when I was 5, way back in 1955. I never did any crochet work until I came to prison in 2014.

My "Michigan Labubu" was inspired by an episode of South Park and a US magazine article showing celebrities with their Labubus including a rare one that sold for \$71,000.00. I liked the look of the blue & gold fuzzy yarn for the head, then thought of the MI connection.

The "Robe of Many Colors" began with some patterns I found for animal granny squares. Only there weren't enough patterns so I designed about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the squares myself.

My "Financial Blanket" comes from various slang terms for money - "financial" and an afghan - "blanket". I thought the center green variegated yarn gave the look of paper money.

My skill level and more advanced techniques has greatly improved. My past experience as a math teacher for 40 years gives me the patience to help other guys who are learning or wanting to add to their skills.