

## Octobers Autumn By Doug Austin #734847

Hello, my name is Doug, I'm 34 and from Flint MI. This piece is called Octobers Autumn. It was done in oil pastel. I've used pastels alot over the years, but this is my first time I've ever worked with oils. I've always loved how pastels blend and how they look when I'm doing landscapes and still life.

Autumn is my Favorite time of year. The leaves change colors, trees shed their leaves getting ready for the winter. It's like nature itself is preparing for a new beginning, just as I will be when I go home. I will have to build a bridge to transition from the life I'm living now, to having to live in the real world when everything out there will be completely new to me. But, I guess that's what any beginning is... new haha.

To cross a bridge is easy when you can see what's on the other side in front of you, but when you can't and everything's unknown and you don't know what to expect? Well, that's a little more difficult. But, I guess we never know what tomorrow holds, we just have to do our best and make the best out of whatever may come before us. And that is what this piece represents, the unexpected.