

Artist Name: J.J.

I have always loved to discover and create. When younger, I created colored pencil pictures, usually of nature. As I got older, my interest moved to electronics and computers. After being incarcerated, my passion and career in computers stopped. However, my creative mind did not. I began to find and tinker with other hobby craft outlets. My first submission: Dream UofM Big, was my first attempt in creating with yarn. I enjoy watching UofM sports, and thought a over stuffed pillow would bring comfort while watching. Of course you cannot have a pillow without a comfy lap blanket too. My Second Submission: Christian Pride Brazer, was my first attempt working with leather. I'm a proud believer in Jesus, and wish to share my belief. Most Christians will wear a necklace with a cross. I wanted to share a new idea by creating this Brazer. Purple and silver-white beading accent the cross indication Jesus' Royalty and Purity. My final Submission: Native American Heritage Necklace was created to simply acknowledge my partial Native American ethnicity. The process in making this necklace was difficult for me, with the loss of some feeling in my hands, the creating with beads + stones, that are small tool months. This will be my only creation with beads.