

Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

Artist Name: Dutch

This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year in the University of Michigan Prison Creative Arts Project. I still enjoy mixing the hard line, opaqueress, of ink with the sense of whimsy that watercolor produces. The two different mediums allow for some really dynamic shapes to be created that other mediums cannot produce.

The past two years, I've been trying to create "watercolor only" pieces. I still try to keep interesting shapes but, instead of over lapping washes with ink, I layer thin washes on top of each other. This is a divergence from my ink and watercolor style because the washes don't produce the deep color saturation the way conventional watercoloring, or the hard line of inks, do.

I hope everyone enjoys the pieces that are presented this year.

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