

**M | LSA** PRISON CREATIVE ARTS PROJECT  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**Artist Statement**

Please include a statement to the exhibit visitors. This statement can include, but is not limited to information about your personal and/or artistic background, insight into why you create art and what you get out of it, or details about specific pieces that you are exhibiting.

*PCAP Miniatures 2021 Exhibit*

Artist Name: Carsten

"Moon man" is an astronaut who is swinging from the moon. I am using my own spin on Quilling for a technique. I am cutting paper into quarter-inch strips and then roll them into shapes. Quilling.

I wanted "Moon man" to be in space, so I surrounded him with the black void of space to symbolize that that he is floating out there all by himself. But I wanted space to feel ephemeral and transient, I did not want it to feel solid or oppressive. Space here is a lacy construct that barely holds this galaxy together.

"Moon man" symbolizes our disconnect from one another, we are all out here floating around by ourselves, but we chose to tie ourselves to others and to objects in order to not be lost and alone.

This 3-D miniature has been extremely challenging, almost to the point that I had to use a calculator. I usually don't do 3-D in the traditional way, but I do have pieces come off the canvas in my previous works. "Moon man" has been an adventure.

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