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

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I love to make things, to create something from our limited selections, to stretch^{out} beyond the boundaries of what seems possible. And when I can't do that I make clothes. These items I make paint a different picture of me. They add to me a beauty that is loud and visible. Each item builds a bridge that was said to be beyond repair. Each creation separates me, sets me free from the shame of the crime I committed 20 years ago. People see me: the visionary, the creator, the exhorter. I make clothes because when I do I'm no longer a prisoner.

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