

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

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Doing artwork helps me in many ways. Its like meditation. It really helps me take my mind to a positive place and I hope it can do the same for others. I took everyday things that would normally be thrown in the trash and used them to make these pieces. Just as inmates have been thrown away and thought of as unusable, yet time and time again prove we can be used to make a differences and create something beautiful. My hopes are that everyone will look at these pieces and be inspired to not give up or just throw things away but reuse them, make them better and beautiful. Don't ever look at anything or anyone and say thats trash throw it away. How about we remake it. I want to be different because different is not a bad thing. So when a lot of inmates seen me cutting up all this "trash" and shaking their heads I kept going and it only made me want to be better so thank you.

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