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Artist Statement

Welcome to my art studio. I wanted to create an area to call my own for my creative work. Before being able to have a designated space for my work, it seemed easier for me to put things off and when I did feel inspired to create things it would get frustrating having to gather so many materials together and then put back away. So I decided that my space will always be set up ready-to-go for any sudden inspirations or daily painting practices. I like to keep in mind that my space is what I make of it. I usually begin burning incense before beginning any type of creative work to get rid of any old/negative energies in the space and surrounding myself. I surround myself with objects, books and my sketchbooks that are filled with ideas that inspire me and make my soul feel at peace. I also have two works of art on the walls that are life paintings that represent my mom and my niece. These two individuals have a great impact on my creativity and goals. Having their portraits reminds me of the reasons why I chose art as my life passion. A piece of the artist souls is left behind with every artwork. Art often is a reflection of who “you” are without escape. The body of work is a depiction of the beauty we find in the world. Creating artwork is a way to showcase your own history, views, thoughts, feelings and ideas. I often wake up with various ideas and the urge to create, and so in return I like think of myself as an artist. The creative process is such a thrill it almost becomes an obsession. I value the creative freedom I have since I am still finding a specific theme of choice in art. As on now, I gain artistic satisfaction by trying out various mediums to create art. In doing so I am allowing myself to be open to the idea of failure by risking my artistic boundaries and gaining exposure to new skills. I continuously remind myself that no one else can create art like mine since it comes from my own heart, mind and soul. In doing so, I am becoming a part of the change in the world. I stand confident and strong to make definitions with my artwork. As an aspiring artist, I am in the pursuit of happiness and spiritual nourishment with the intentions of Success by building a good name myself, my life, and my art.