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time to wake up!

If you've been reading a ny of these newsletters, you must think I've been sleeping for a while. True that.

Time to wake up and smell the artwork. at the moment, art-work consists of 3D modeling, making die cut stuff for the Cricut. Making more coloring books and journals. Not as much as I should be doing. I've been looking for the means to get myself going and I believe I found it.

Personally, I retired from my job on the December 31, 2025, and since then, I've been puttering along. I've been asking folks if I can help with artwork and such, and seemed to have forgotten the website. Now I'm back with more time to devote to it.

And it seems there's more that I want to do than just digital work. Speaking of which, check out this image. I'm sure the perspective is slightly off. And it seems there would



be a few things I would change, but look at it. The crossed stitches follow the circular shape of this celtic knot. Was it a struggle to figure it out? Yes, however, I knew it could be accomplished. As long as the corners lined up. Now,

looking at the piece, I think adding in some decoration around the edges, between the point of the knot would have been nice. I have the artwork saved, that way I can add to it. the points of the knot are all the same distance from the edge of the sheet,

Now that I've done this, I'm seeing other people do similar types of stitching on paper designs. I tried sharing my excitement over the circular stitch pattern on paper with another person, and she just poopoo'd the whole thin. Like paint by number. I will say this, I used 100% cotton paper, doesn't that count as fabric.

She didn't like paint by number either. Sure paint by number is someone else's art that can be bought and painted, much like coloring books, that doesn't lessen the calming experience that a person can gain by a paint by number, or the confidence they gain to try something on their own. Art is something that means something to you, something you can hang in your house, wear, and have fun with. It's not meant to be stressful. Looking back on previous newsletters, I would have to say this happened around July 2022. About the same time I fell and broke my arm. I was on light duty for 8 weeks, no driving. I had a blast. And also about the time my parents went into assisted living. Dad had fallen, and did not do anymore walking, Mom had dementia and had become a handful. They both passed in 2023, and they are no longer in pain.

live, learn, laugh, love, and play with art. There are many mediums out there to try. Don't like one? Try another. It's about self enjoyment. And those that say certain types of art should not exist, give them space, they don't belong in your circle of friends. Let's call them art snobs. Though I will admit being a little bit of a font snob, bottom line, if you want a font used that I don't like, and I can't find the right encouragement to steer you away from it. I'll use it, just for you. Snobbery doesn't belong anywhere. That's like someone thinking all people of a certain faith aren't true Christians, it might be time to look in a mirror and see if God is reflected back in what you see. Be the inspiration for people to find Jesus, don't be the closed door that stands in their way of finding peace.

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