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# DESIGN TENETS FOR A MODERN MAKER

(INSPIRED BY GARRY KNOX BENNETT)

## 1 DEFY CONVENTION, QUESTION THE NORM

"If it's always done that way, flip it over and see what's underneath." Question standard processes, tools, materials.

## 2 HONOR CRAFT, BUT NEVER WORSHIP PERFECTION

"Treat skill is a means, not a cage." Encourage unlikely techniques, mistakes, hacks, and improvisation. Celebrate the visible hand of the maker.

## 3 PLAY IS A TOOL, HUMOR IS A FEATURE

"Embed playfulness in design" Make work that sparks joy, curiosity, or a laugh—encourage visual puns, hidden surprises and details that reward closer looks.

## 5 COLOR IS PART OF CRAFT

"Wood is nice. So is hot pink." Don't limit the palette — paint, patina, or dye can elevate craft. Treat color like a design material, not an afterthought. Support fearless surface experiments.

## 6 BLEND FUNCTION AND ART

"It's furniture—and sculpture." Champion hybrid objects. Give permission to push projects beyond strict function if serving the idea. Remind makers that objects can hold meaning+utility .

## 7 INVENT AND IMPROVISE

"One tool is good. Three you made yourself is better". Make it normal to invent custom tools, jigs, or processes. Encourage experimentation with unconventional finishes, fixings, or hardware

## 8 PROVOKE CONVERSATION

"If it starts a fight, it's working." Teach work that sparks debate about taste, technique, culture, sustainability. Help people .



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MICHAEL B. PARKS  
MAKER CREED

I am an **Artist** —  
the Mind playing in the Studio.

Where thoughts drift, collide, and come alive  
as sketches, colors, and wild ideas.  
Here, I honor questions more than  
answers. Here, nothing is too strange.

I am an **Engineer** —  
the Heart making in the Workshop.

Where hands build what the mind  
dreams. Metal, wood, wire, code — all  
shaped with care. Precision and patience  
meet grit and sweat.

I am a **Hacker**  
Soul exploring in Laboratory.

Where systems are taken apart, rules  
are bent, and curiosity cuts through  
the known. I tinker, I break, I rebuild.

MIND. HEART. SOUL.  
STUDIO. WORKSHOP. LABORATORY  
DREAM. MAKE. EXPERIMENT.



# MIKE'S MAKER MAXIMS



## 1. LET CURIOSITY LEAD

Ask questions. Experiment freely.  
The best work begins with "What if?"

## 2. RESPECT THE PROCESS BUT FOCUS ON THE GOAL

Slow down. Measure twice. Set up with care.  
The quality of your work reflects the quality of  
your attention. Keep the end product and the  
end user in mind at all times.

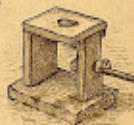
## 3. SAFETY IS A SACRED HABIT

Wear your gear. Know  
your tools. Stay present.  
Nothing is worth more  
than your well-being.



## 4. PROTOTYPE EARLY, ITERATE OFTEN

Rough versions are stepping  
stones to brilliance. Every  
iteration brings insight.



## 5. MASTER THE TOOLS — BUT NEVER SERVE THEM

Learn the software. Understand the  
hardware. Then make it all work for  
your vision, not the other way around.



## 6. VALUE CRAFTSMANSHIP OVER CLOUT

Build with pride,  
not for praise.  
A well-made object  
speaks louder than any trend.



## 7. SHARE WHAT YOU LEARN

Document your progress. Show your  
failures. Teach others. Knowledge  
multiplies when it's shared.

## 8. BRIDGE OLD AND NEW

Combine tradition with technology.  
Honor the past while pushing the  
frontier. Never stop learning.

## 9. STAY HUMBLE. STAY DANGEROUS

Remain a student. Stay  
sharp. True skill is  
quiet, focused, and  
always evolving.



## 10. LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

Clean the bench. Respect the  
tools. Uplift the people around  
you. Every touch leaves a trace.





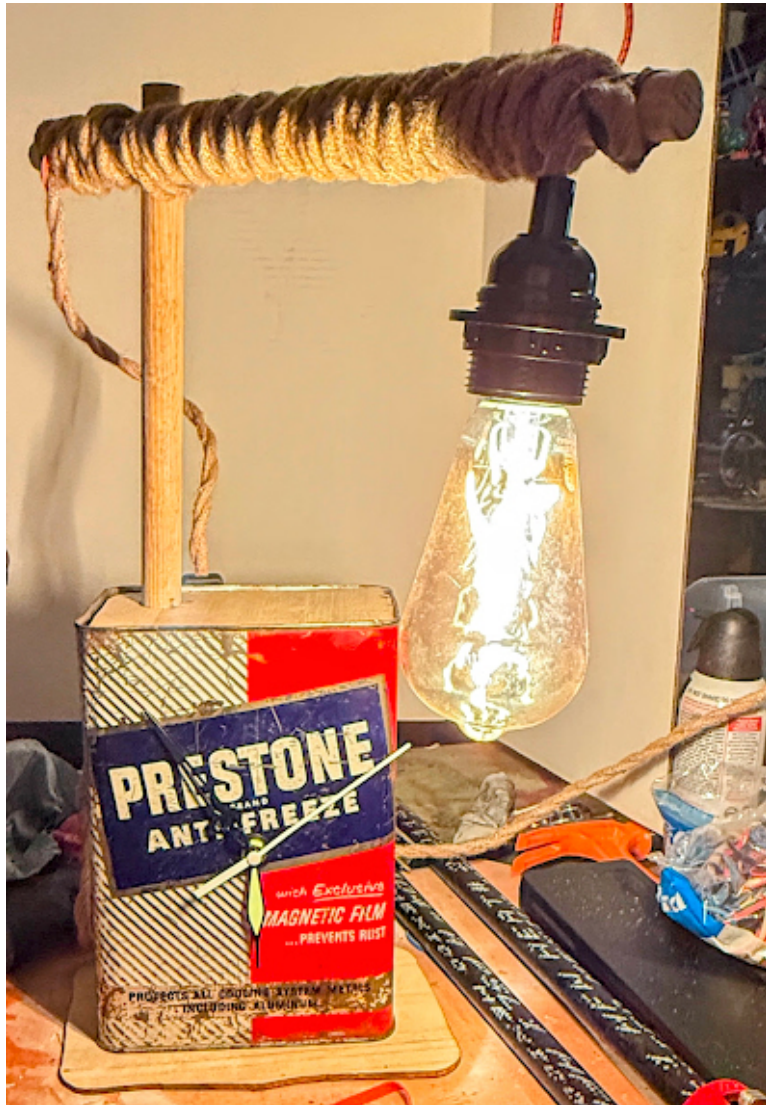






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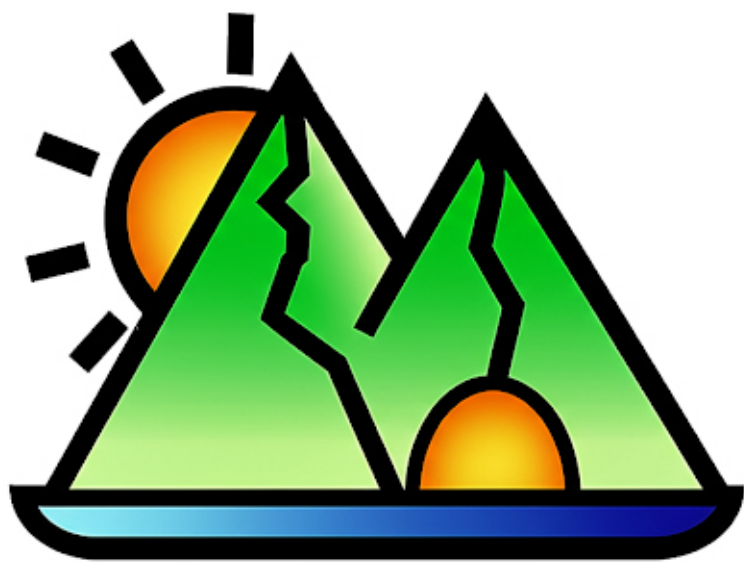




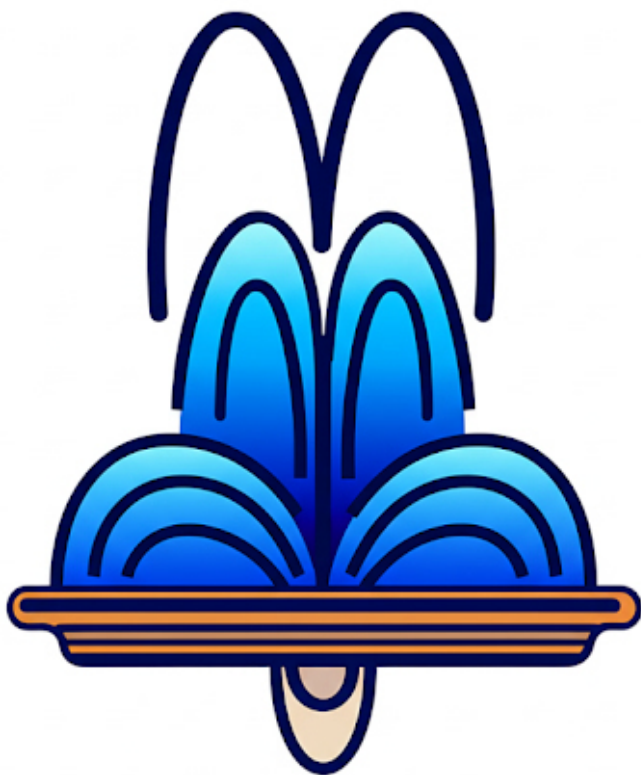








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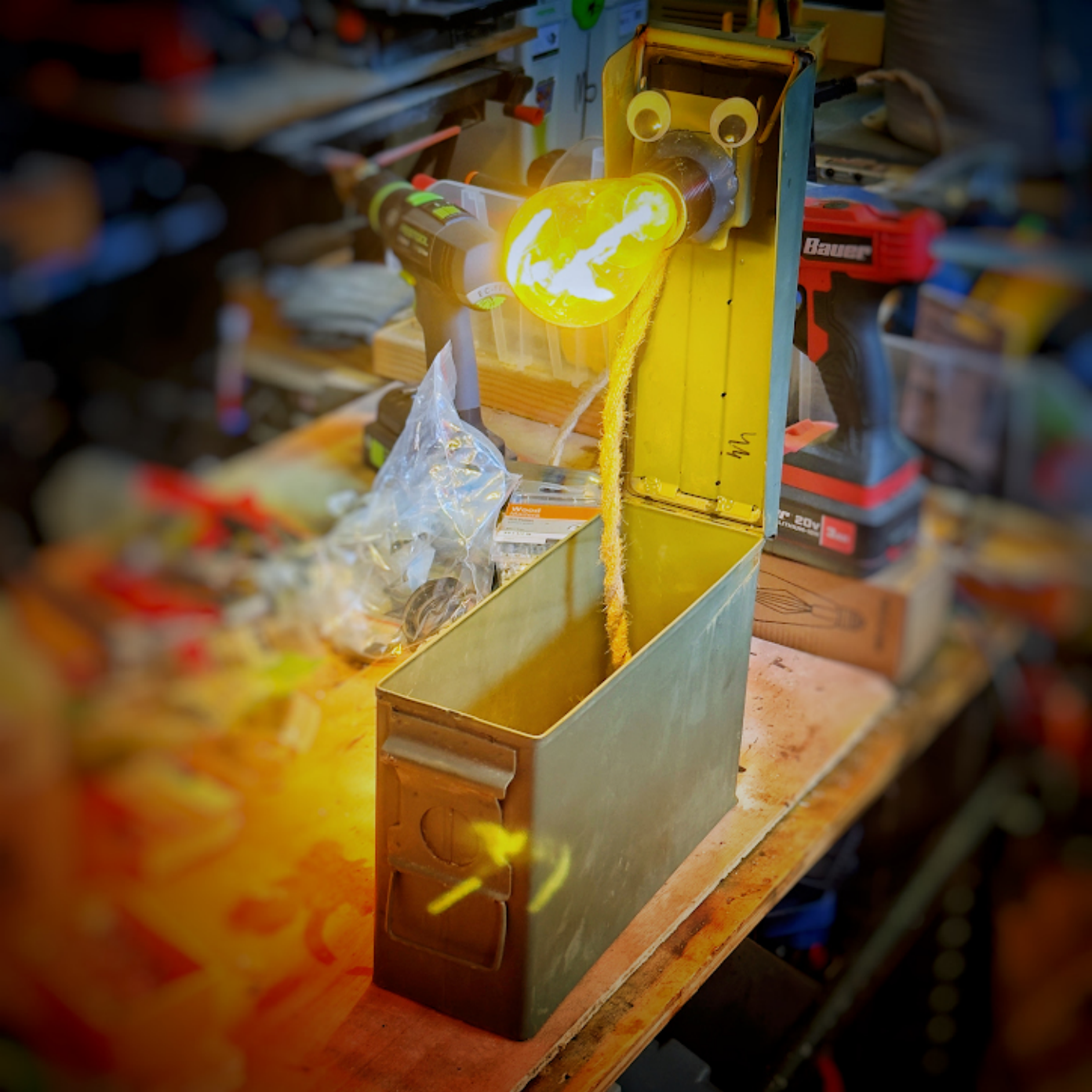
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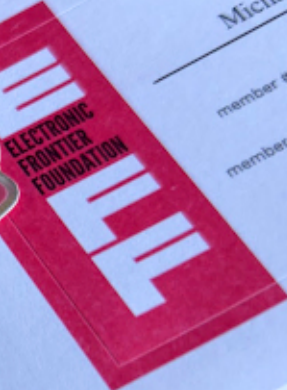


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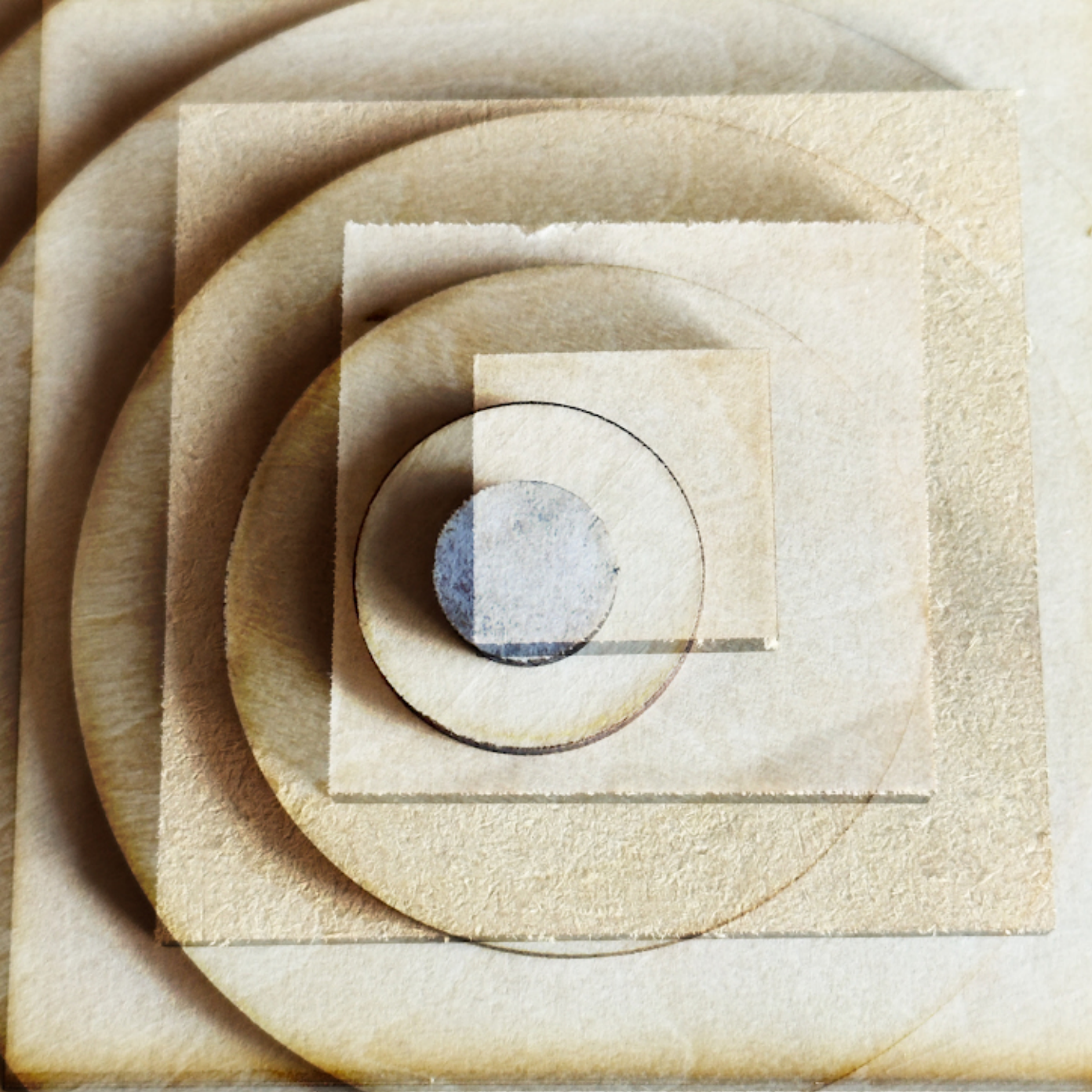














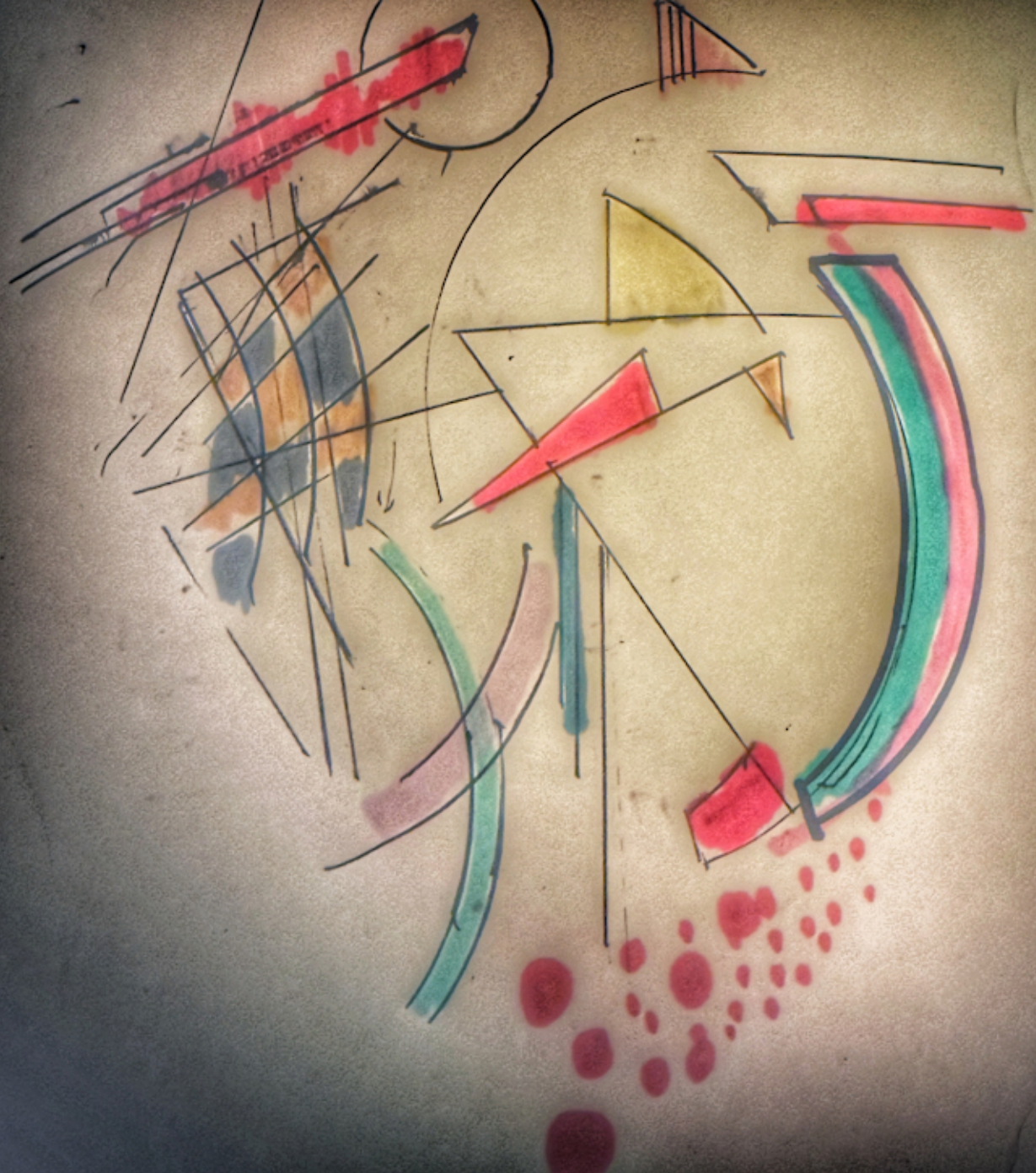












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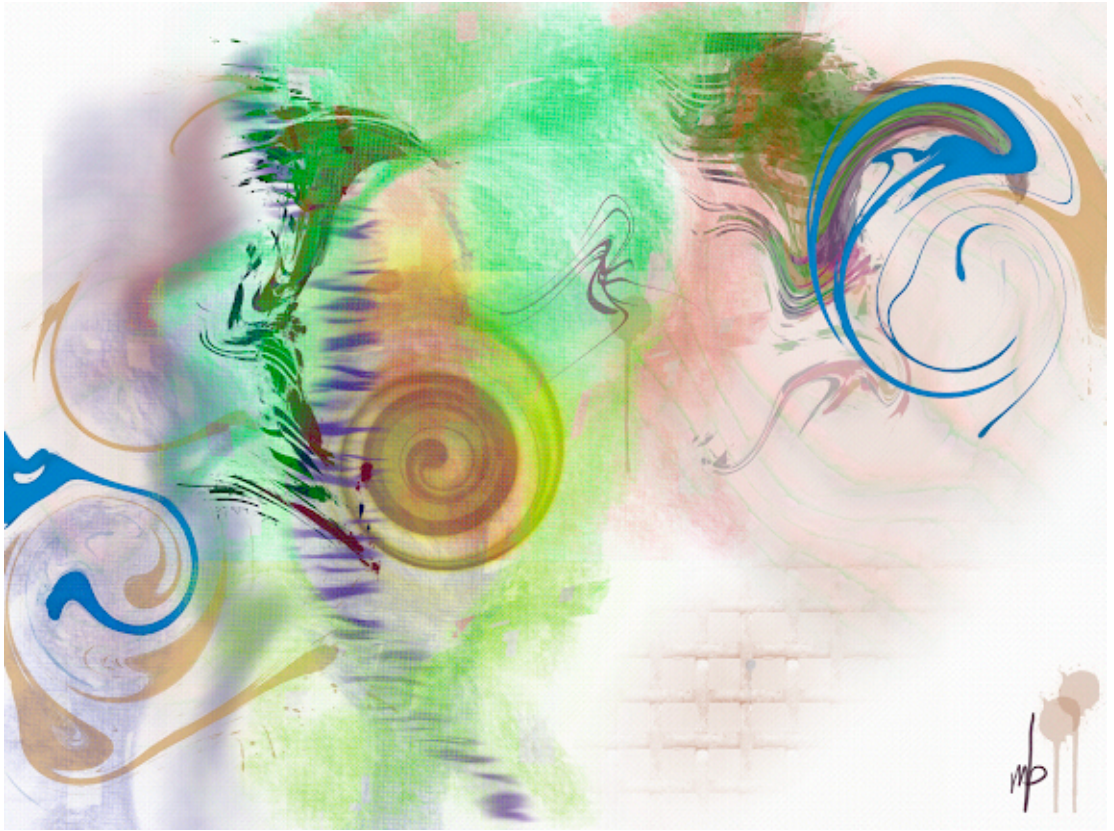




























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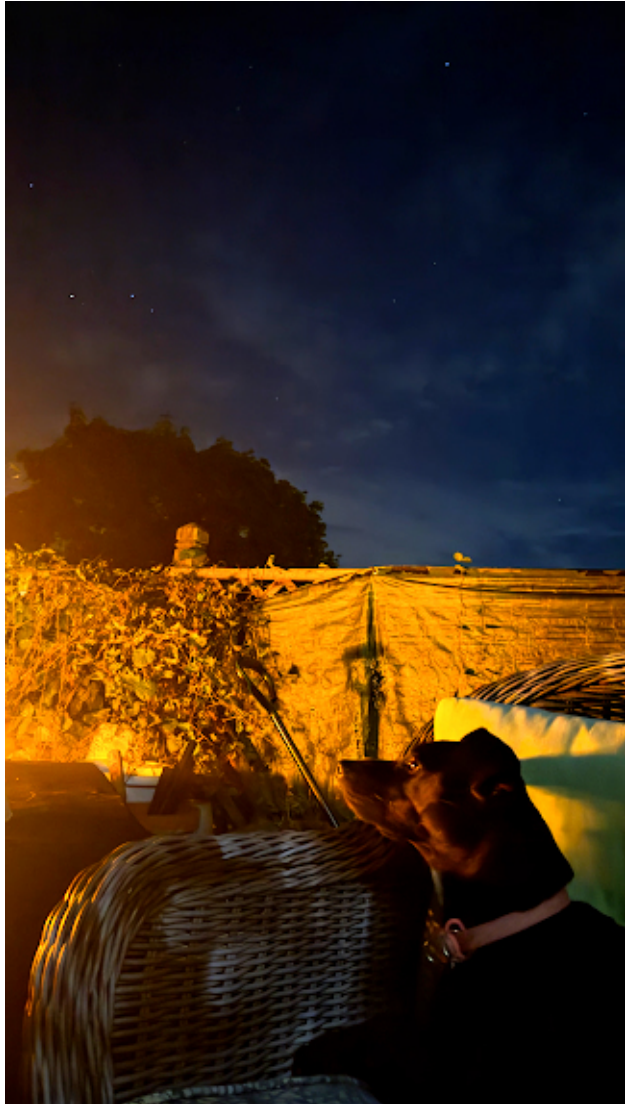


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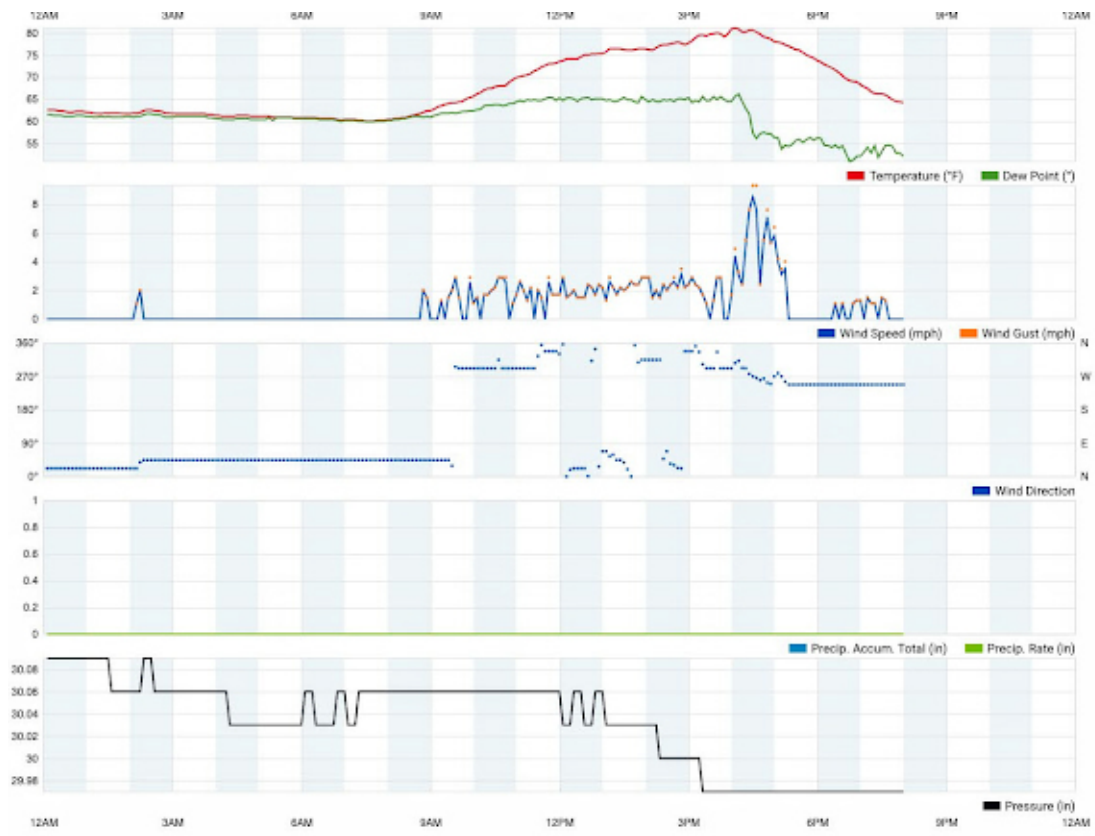






























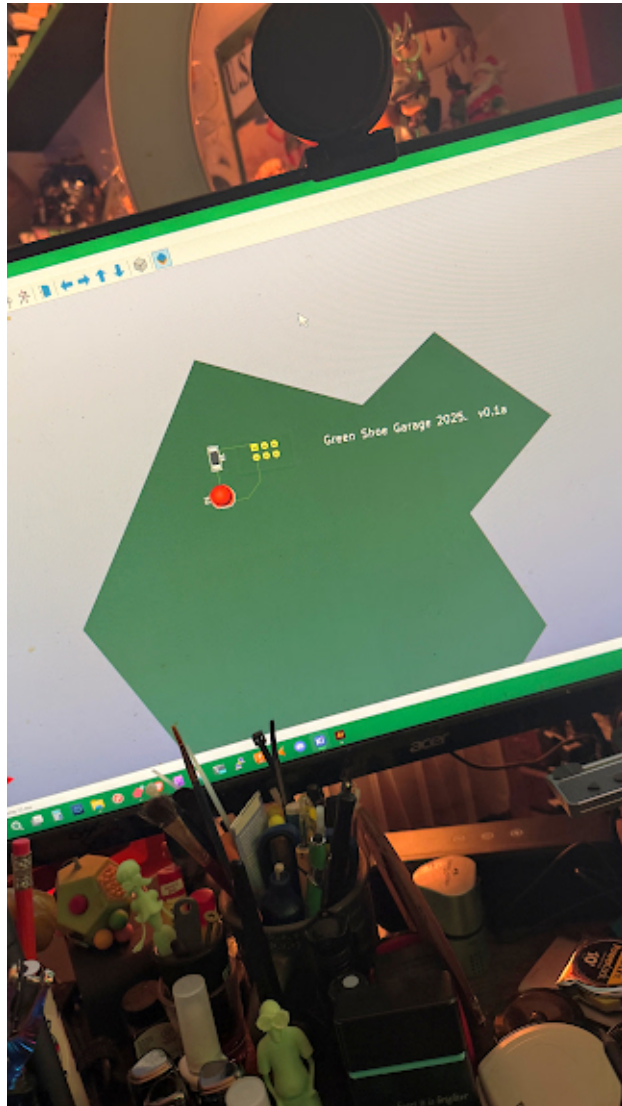


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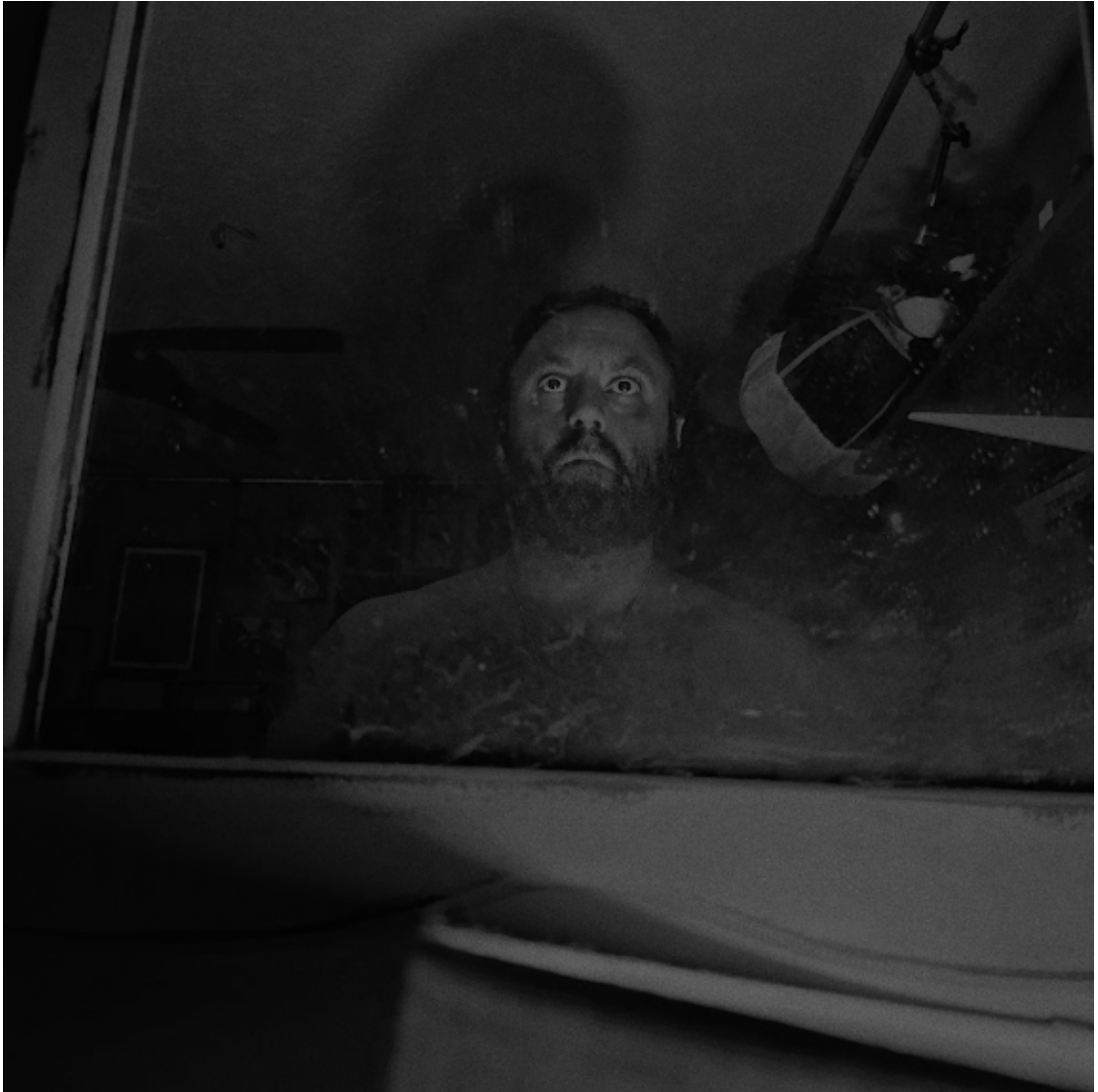






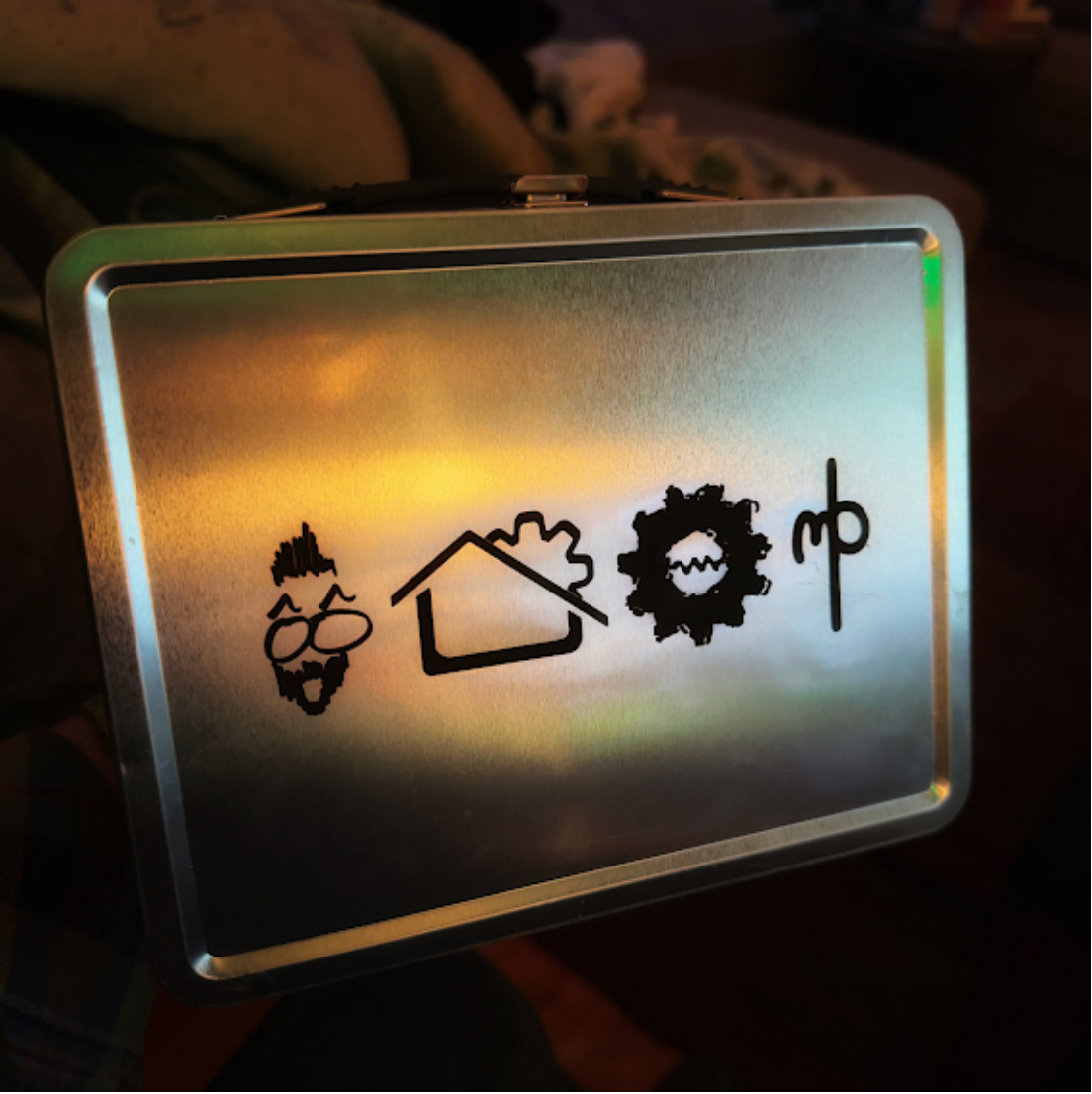


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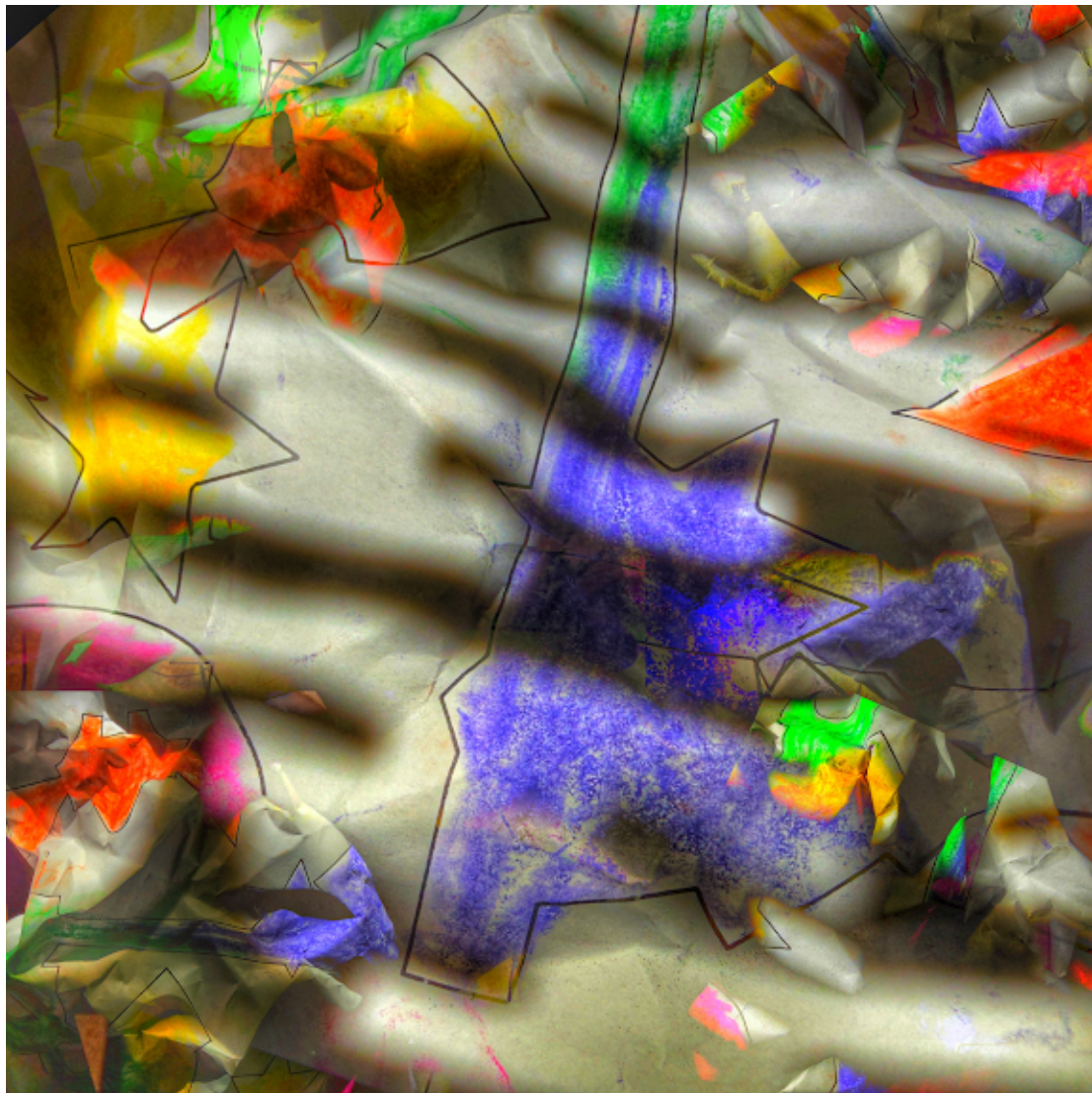










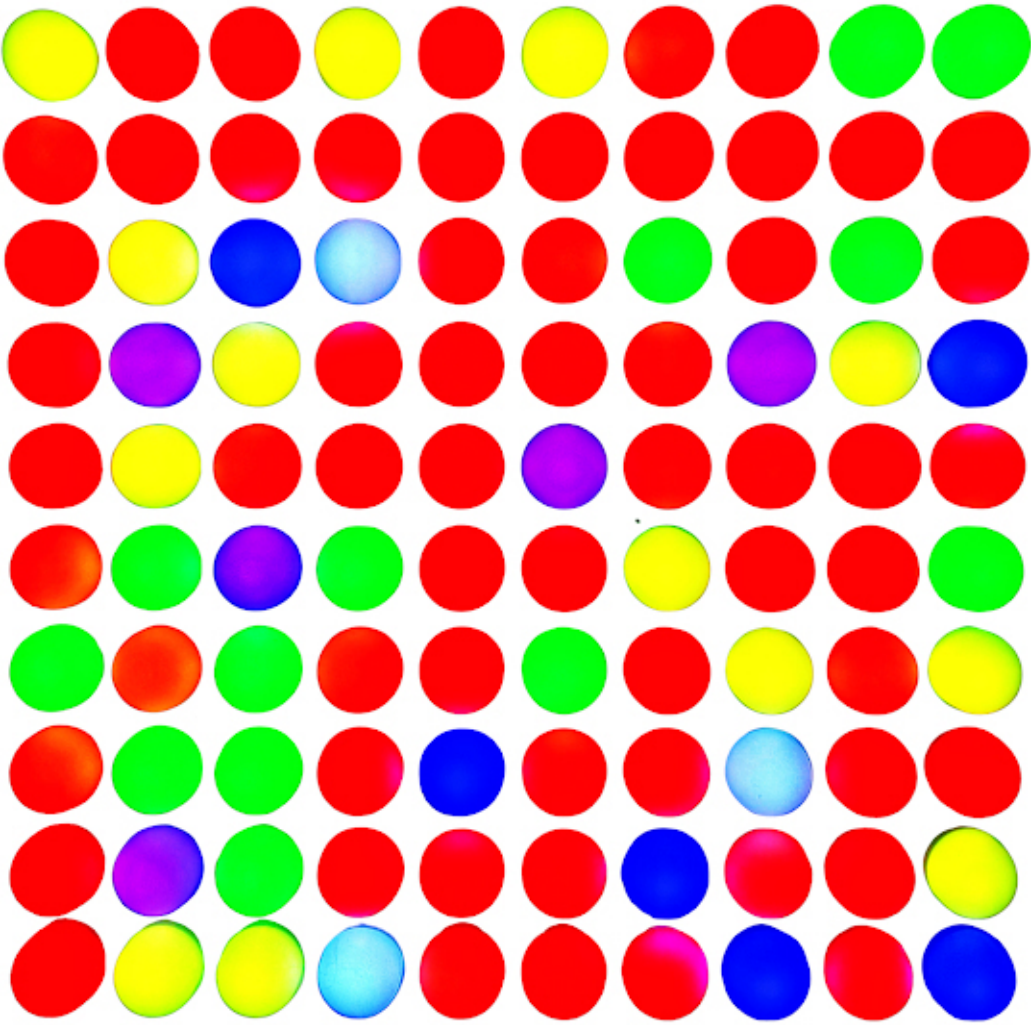


























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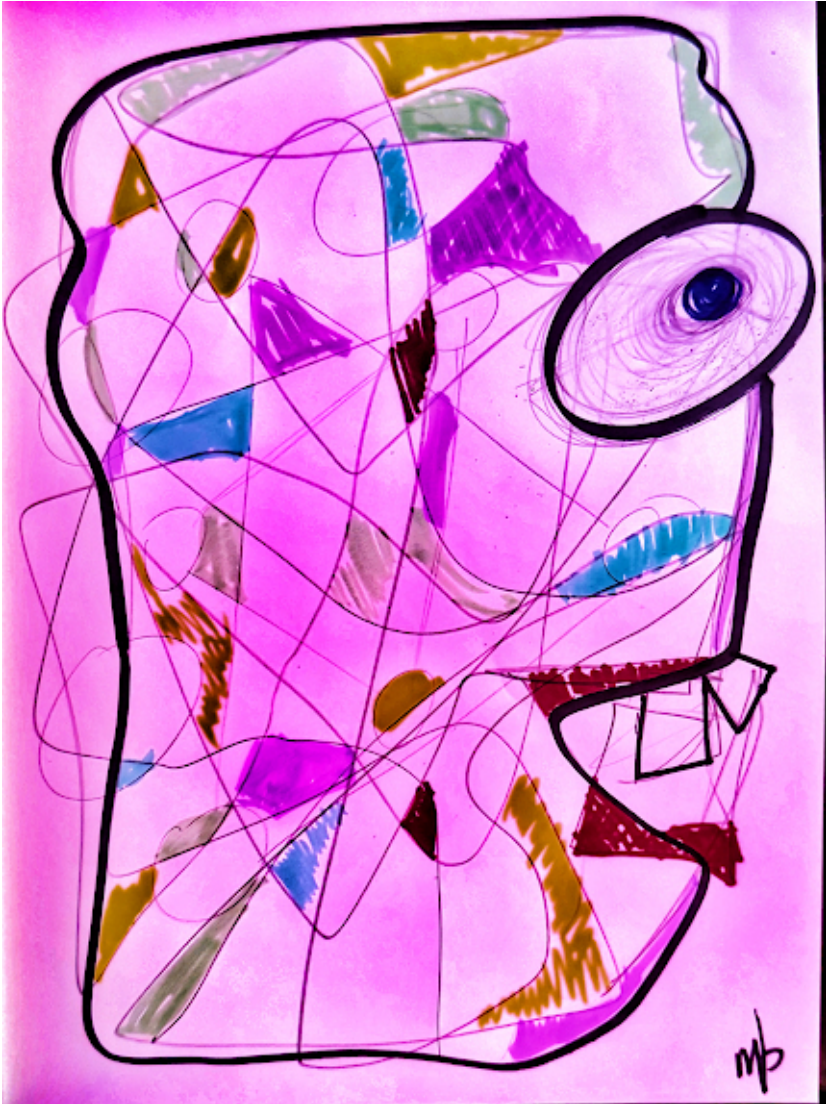


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