



Burnt Out

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Medium: Pigma Micron 01 Ink Pen and Prisma Colored Pencil

Artist Statement

Over the last few years myself and others have struggled with motivation. The world seems to pull us in many different directions causing us to burn out like a weak flame. For this reason, I wanted to show the subject of this piece melting away like the wax of a lit candle.

I started this piece by roughly sketching out the head and shoulders of the subject. Then creating dimension on the top of the head showing the dip where the wax melts on a candle. Then I took the Pigma Micron 01 Ink Pen and traced a "shaky" line around the subject multiple times. Then I shaded with lines rather than solid color, closer the lines are to each other the darker appearance, vice versa. I also used the colored pencil to add a slight yellow/warm tone to the skin/wax of the subject. Then for the flame I used a vibrant orange and yellow to create contrast between the subject and flame.

I really wanted to convey losing motivation in an aesthetically pleasing way. With help of the elements and principles of art I believe I achieved my goal.

Status: Exhibit only