



An Artist Newsletter

by Becca Rahn



What a whirlwind this year has been! My theme for the year was "Use what you have. Do it better." I'm still looking at all the goals and numbers I set for myself but I think I really did a great job and that feels amazing. My favorite number so far is 88. **That's how many classes I taught this year.** Can you believe it? Me neither.

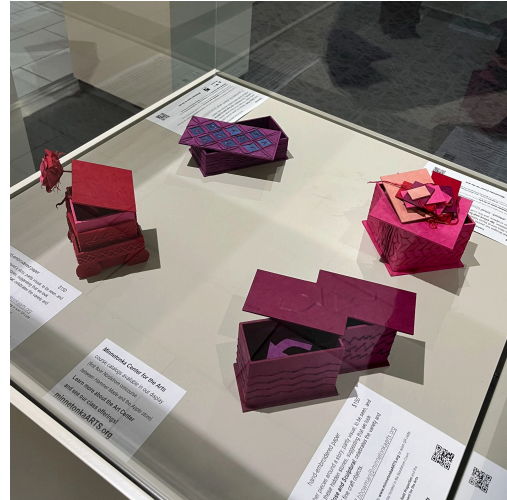
As a treat, I *took* a class last weekend and it was the most fun I have had in a class in a long time. My micro-mosaic bracelet from class is in the photo above! It's a technique using cut glass rods, epoxy, and a lot of creative license. It's a tiny detailed project in all the best ways. I was intrigued by the class photos and I love my finished piece even more than I thought I would. Inspired? The [same teachers are doing a couple more classes](#) with White Bear Center for the Arts this spring.

Thank YOU for being a part of my creative life this year! -- Becca

what's new?



My art is out in the world! You can see *Go Find A Frog* in the members show at [White Bear Center for the Arts](#) from now through January 17.



You can also see four of my pieces in *Up Close and Sculptural* at [Ridgedale Center](#) with Minnetonka Center for the Arts through February. My pieces are in a case on the second floor near Nordstroms.

classes



VIRTUAL CLASS

[Cactus Garden](#) [Embroidery Sampler](#)

Starts January 30, held via Zoom and pre-recorded lessons if you need to miss a session. Great for beginners. More than a dozen stitches to learn.

VIRTUAL CLASS

January 31st, 12-3 with CreativeSpark

Quilter's Color Mixer is your gateway to transforming your quilting projects with a fresh, vibrant perspective on color and fabric selection.

[This live, one-day virtual event](#) features a curated lineup of renowned instructors delivering the inspiration and techniques you need to elevate your craft. I'm teaching a class on creating your own monochrome prints!





IN PERSON CLASSES

I'm teaching three classes in Jan, Feb, March for the [city of Fridley Parks & Recreation Department](#). Join me for tapestry weaving, bead edge baskets and embroidered ledger books.



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So excited to be teaching [four classes at White Bear Center for the Arts](#) this spring as well. Embroidery, book arts & fabric design!



SKILLSHARE CLASS

[Stitch Snippet: Candy Canes Two Ways](#)

A mini class with two ways to make candy canes. A fun and fast project you can learn in just 15 minutes.

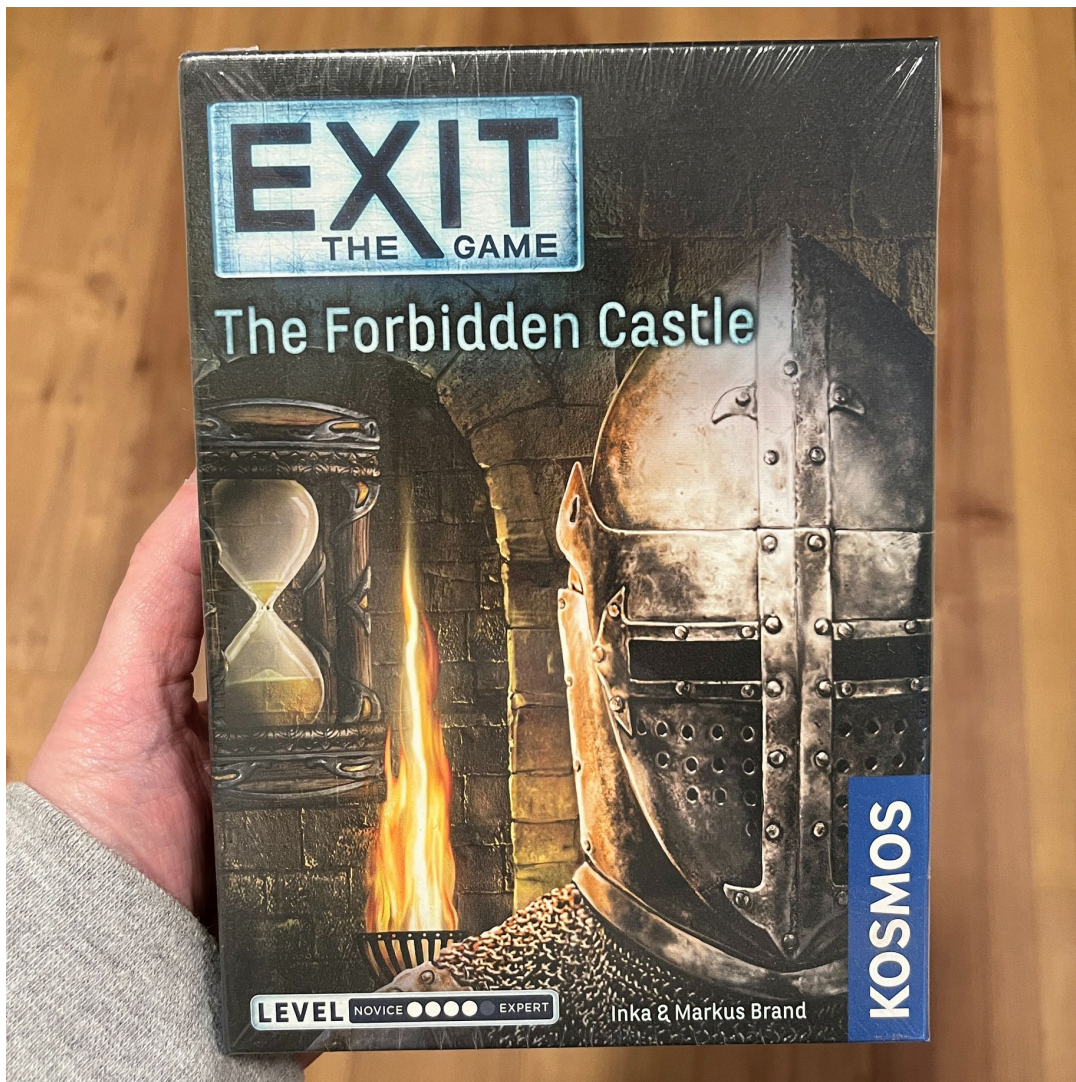




On the studio table this month is a custom fabric I designed for my friends at Darn Knit Anyway. [It's part of their 10 Days of DKA TODAY](#) and you can get a drawstring project bag made with the three different prints. It's a hand drawn design of "sheep blossoms" with yarn ball flower buds. It was a delight to draw and so fun to work with them!

get in the game





We love the ["Exit the Game" series of escape-rooms-in-a-box](#). There are a series of puzzles that generally can all be solved with paper, pencil, and scissors. I won't give anything away but we've played several of their titles and every time there is something new. If you like to solve puzzles, you'll have a lot of fun with these. "The Forbidden Castle" is one of the hard ones, but there are 4 different levels to choose from.

links you'll love 

- This was a fascinating story: [Soft medium, hard truths - National Endowment for the Arts recognizes a Navajo quilter](#)

- Also a cool project: a little about [The Red Dress Project, a collaborative embroidery project](#). And see [lots more at the website](#).
- [A great time saving tip for stitching with beads](#). (Instagram)
- My friend Cynthia Frenette [has been making art inspired by](#) "Mean shit people say to artists and makers". I love it and sadly I've heard many of these too.
- We tried this Milk Street [Roman Broccoli Sauce](#) recipe and loved it.
- I love the button closure on this cuff. [Simple and pretty](#). (Instagram)
- I don't know how to do this kind of crochet but this [Scorpio Cowl pattern makes me want to learn how](#). The reversible stitch is such a cool texture!
- I still have some wool felt [animal eye glass cases available in my Etsy shop](#). I couldn't keep these on the table at sales this fall. If you've read this far down in the newsletter, I have a secret to share: I have almost enough animals from these to do an alphabet book. Look for that in 2025!
- This is so much fun: @bstarfashion made [a Wizard of Oz inspired coat](#) with my [Through the Emerald Forest fabric design](#). I love what she did with it.

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