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Dear Friends, I proudly present: is the sentence I always start with when I post a picture of a new painting I made on FB and other social media. Followed by the size and the text usually, acryl on canvas or paper. I soon realized that apart from having a personal account, a group reaches more people, so I started Art in Holland. The group grew over the years to around 20000 members, a nice size. Sharing your art in this way is inspiring, in different ways. Compliments or criticism of your work forces you to think about it.

Nevertheless, collecting my work in a book is what I often do. I have a fairly large production of paintings, and I claim to make unique works only, rereading my former books helps me with that. Each painting I make is a picture coming from my mind. Some ideas linger for months, like the alarm clock paintings in this book. Staring at night, sleepless at the changing minutes I remembered the old Casio game of making letters from ciphers by turning them around, and slowly started to think that perhaps other things could be possible, like animals.

Nature and music are still a source of ideas for my work, so is: less is more. In my work, I try to capture the emotion of the object I paint. At least the emotion it gave me when I thought about it while preparing to paint it. The painting is a success to me when a viewer is moved by it. In the earlier days of my search for Art, I was obsessed with getting "movement" in my work, now I realize that movement alone is not enough, a little message is added to my paintings. Some painters in the early days of abstraction tried to de-struct nature as much as possible in their work, but nature is where we come from. Instead of de-structing it, I try to connect with nature albeit with squares or the use of uncommon colors for obvious objects, like trees or plants.

Not all of my work is square. Experimenting with more naturally appearing trees and bushes, is also relatively new in my work. The flow of leaves and branches and sometimes fruit is fun to do. Also adding some water with the acryl paint has a nice effect on paper.