A YEAR IN MOTION

An update on my life, my work, and what this next chapter is bringing.





Currently In

Richmond, Virginia.
A new city, a new school, a new job, and a lot of new ideas.

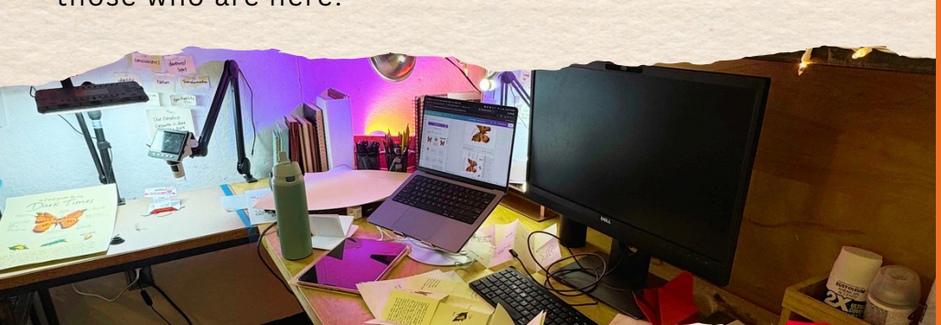




New Year Thoughts

A new year has passed and i'm feeling blessed to be able to share my reflections on this day. I am entering my 34th year and currently feel both blessed and like I am mourning old versions of myself. Growth has always been my motivation, and it is difficult to confront my weaknesses and change, especially when that change is calling me to leave behind a life that once made me happy. As I continue to grow, I realize more and more who I am and who I want to be. At my core, I am both shy and sure, loving and selfish, and some days I wake up feeling completely happy, but by noon I am sad again. It is life's cycles that inspire me to share my journey, even when what I feel called to share is more vulnerable and raw emotions than butterflies, fluff, and rainbows.

In this new year, I pray to continue living life more in the present, express more gratitude for all that I have, where I am, and the opportunities i'm blessed with. I also pray that this next year bring me more people to share my life with and I want to say a BIG thank you to those who are here!



A Few Highlights

- **Started my MFA in Design at VCU**
- **Finally settled into life in Richmond, VA**
- **Moved into my own studio apartment**
- **Had my apartment featured on Apartment Therapy**
- **Started a new chapter professionally**
- **Continuinued developing my artistic practice**
- **Made new work across photography, film, painting, print, and design**
- **Spent questionable amount of time playing video games**

BACK TO SCHOOL



One of the biggest changes this year has been going back to school. I am currently pursuing my MFA in Design at VCU. I am only one month in, and I must say I am experiencing the challenge I asked for. I can't put into words how graduate school is shaping me, but it is unlocking an art process that i've been trying to develop for myself for a while now.

It has been exciting to return to a space where I can experiment without need to know exactly where something is going. I'm asking bigger questions, making things I haven't made before, and figuring out how all things different parts of my creative practice fit together.

Honestly, I'm still figuring it out, and that is the part of what I love about it.







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Home, Finally

Settling into Richmond has been another meaningful part of my life. After moving around and spending so much time figuring things out on my own, having a space that feels like mine meant a lot to my mental health.

My little studio apartment has slowly become a mix of home, studio, workspace, and occasional video game headquarters. It is the smallest space i've lived in, I got new furniture, I coming home brings me so much peace. Will I live here long term? I'm not sure, but i'm enjoying it while i'm here.

My space was also recently featured on Apartment Therapy, which was such a fun and unexpected full-circle moment.





Views out my window

Currently Playing

Outside of school and work, i've been getting really into video games. It's become one of my favorite ways to step away from making things and let my brain wander somewhere completely different.







A NEW CHAPTER

OCT 8 - OCT 22

This year, I'm celebrating by investing in the life i'm building. Instead of asking for birthday gifts, i've created a campaign to support my graduate education and creative practice as I continue this next chapter.

For a limited time, I'll be sharing new work, available artwork, prints, behind-the-scenes moments, giveaways, and a few surprises along the way.

GIVE
Support my graduate education

COLLECT
Purchase original work and prints

SHARE
Help introduce someone else to my work.

SCAN ME

SUPPORT MY JOURNEY →



Wether you've followed my work for years or you're just getting to know me, thank you for being part of the journey. I'm grateful for everyone who has encouraged me, supported my work, challenged me, laughed with me, and reminded me to keep going.

Here's to another year of becoming.

-Alliannah

Thank you for being here!

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