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Re-Purposed Treasures

Artist Statement

Celtic Music is played throughout the hospital in order to calm the nerves of patients and family members and lift their spirits; it is one type of music requested in the hospital for this need. A broken piece of jewelry, fabricated out of Celtic knots, and this concept are the inspiration for my piece. Even though I chose not to incorporate the two broken pieces directly, there are multiple other found objects integrated throughout the necklace. Such objects include, a blue feather, a long earring echoing the shape of a wave and multiple trinkets, each unique in color and shape. The main focus of the necklace is the center pendant. The pendant includes two of the trinkets and various layers of sheet metal; each layer is different in color, texture and shape, adorned with colored pencil, patina and hammer texture. Overall, the color pallet is rich in purples and deep blues in order to portray a calming effect. The pendant hangs on three different layers of woven chains; the woven chain echoes the interwoven design of Celtic knots, and the three hang in such a way that they mimic the shape of wings. My intention is for the viewer to walk away with a sense of lightheartedness and serenity, with a hint of vivacity, appreciating the mixture of color, tone and beauty.

