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ARTIST STATEMENT

My mandala is simplistic yet detailed. It showcases my struggles over the past years that I have encountered in math courses. The waves exhibit my learning skills for math. This is something that represents my past and present self. The learning for me has always come in waves. Sometimes the process was super challenging for me and sometimes it came to me very easy. The stop sign represents me giving up and wanting to quit when it would get too hard. And the squares shows me always ending up back at square one. I felt like I was always going through this rotation of "I get it, this is easy" to "This is too hard, I will never understand math". The arrow attached to the leaf represents growth and moving forward. The fact that I have been able to get through those challenges in math and do well on my assignments, tests, quizzes shows that I did manage to understand the material being taught. And lastly, the hearts circulating my mandala represents how I feel when I do understand the concepts being taught. I believe that all of these elements support students math and mindset. That it is okay to have set backs and feel confused. However, you just gotta push yourself and strive towards achieving the end result. Through trial and error students will eventually feel confident in their learning process and gradually feel comfortable enough to explain their reasoning behind their learning.