### **Marketplace Miracles**

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Sometimes the internet feels like endless work: ai porridge, uncloseable ads, outlook search and rescue—terror and celebrity simultaneous. Maybe once you turn off notifications you will find enlightenment. For me, zen is Facebook Marketplace.

The Way is not difficult; only there must be no wanting or not wanting. <sup>1</sup>

You have to click that little storefront icon with nothing but peace in your heart, let the wave of possibility overtake you, get rid of all that is unnecessary.

When you let go of your desire for a like-new toaster oven or gently used vacuum cleaner, you will start to see a transfiguration of the commonplace. What was once ordinary will evolve from nothingness into something extraordinary. <sup>2</sup>

One man, cleaning up the garage like his wife asked perhaps, comes upon a pile of wire hangers. He could throw them in the trash and call it a day, but an idea forms—cut from the marble of staring at one's hoarded materials, a plan takes shape.

This isn't an ordinary closet organization tool, these 80 hangers, collected unanimously on a spindle, is a master-piece, fit for the MOCAD hallway on a saturday night with wine and cheese. Please! It's been in the works for years.

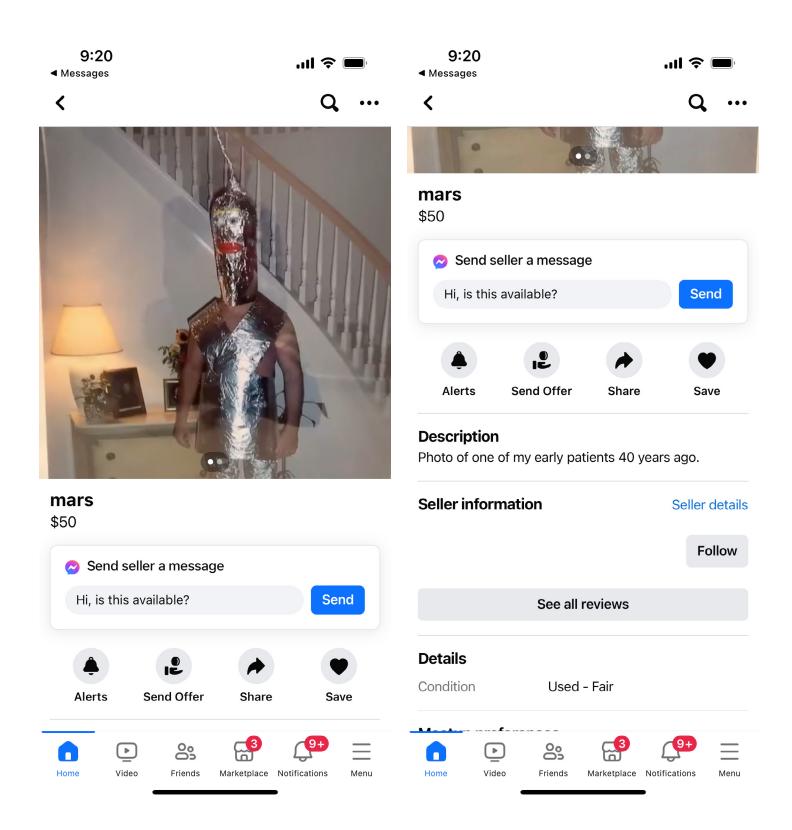
Untitled (Wire Hangers) -Sculpture, Steel, c. 2023. \$500.

This pure humanity brings me into the depths of Marketplace at least once a day. Some sellers are making a quick joke, a pop culture reference some will get and if not, hey, maybe they'll make \$350 off a folding chair! Others just want to tell you about their marble collection or a pile of lumber they had big dreams for—I love them dearly and add them to my treasure chest heart just the same.

Please enjoy this selection of screen shots, a hall of fame for the Detroiters with bounties galore.

- 1. Schiller, David. The Little Zen Companion. Workman Publishing, 1994.
- ${\tt 2.~Koren, Leonard.} \ {\it Wabi-Sabi: Further Thoughts}. \ {\tt Imperfect Publishing, 2015}$

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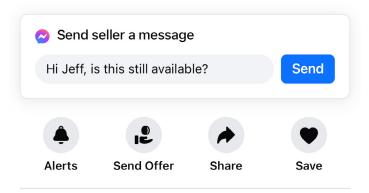






## **Bottle Opener**

\$20



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Own a piece of history! These rocks are between 6,000 and 4.54 billion years old depending on which book you read... the bottle opener on the other hand is drilled in and secured with a two part epoxy about a week ago.

I can tell you're on the fence about it, so let's do some pros and cons.

PRO: it's a great conversation piece.

CON: it's a rock with a bottle opener stuck in it.

PRO: it can be used as a boat anchor. CON: it's as heavy as a boat anchor.

PRO: you can set it on napkins and paper plates so they don't blow away in the wind.

CON: if you drop it on your foot, it will probably break your toes.

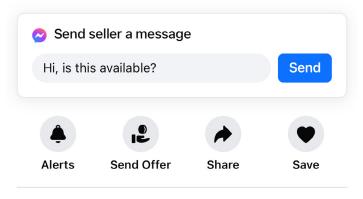
PRO: no one will steal your bottle opener (unless they're shady and wearing JNCO jeans with the really big/deep pockets... remember those?!?! Shout out to my fellow millennials)

CON: if someone does try to steal it, you should probably just let them have it. You don't wanna mess with someone wielding a 17 pound bottle opener.

Those are just some things to consider while contemplating this purchase. I mean, imagine someone asks you for a bottle opener and you hand them a 17 pound rock. Is that joke worth \$20?...I don't know



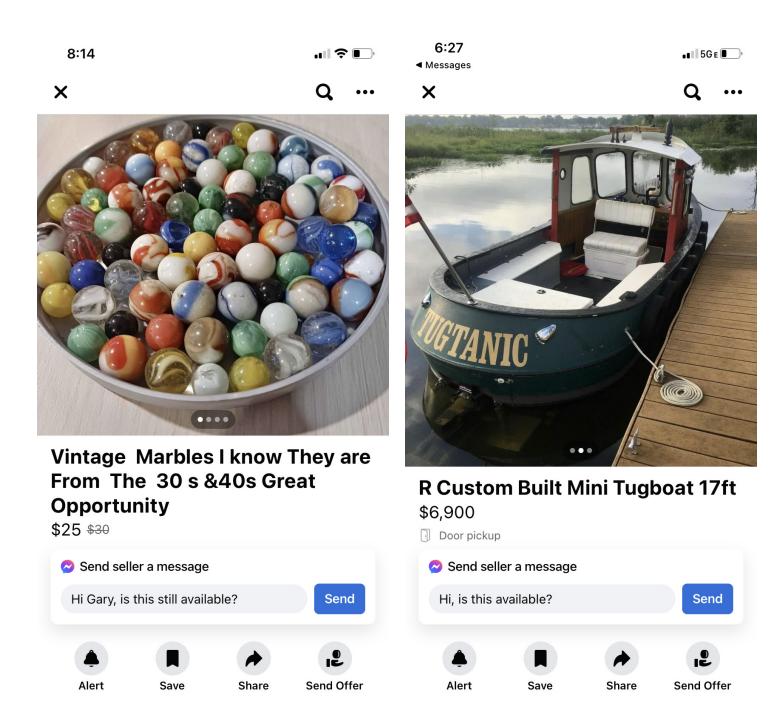
# **profrssionally made Llama costume** \$250



## **Description**

Only worn a handful of times. Comes with head, body suit and feet





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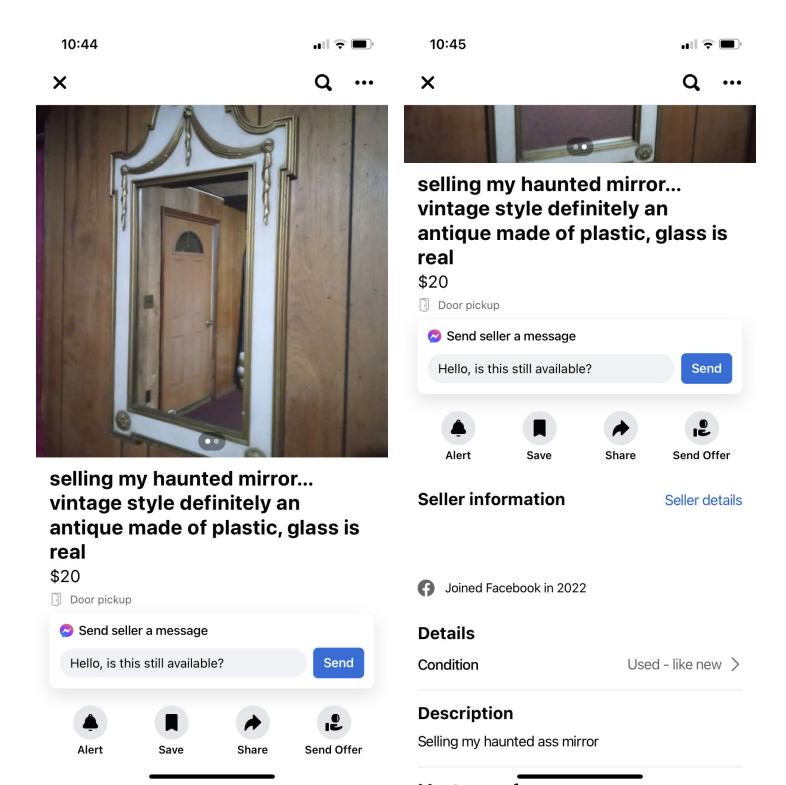
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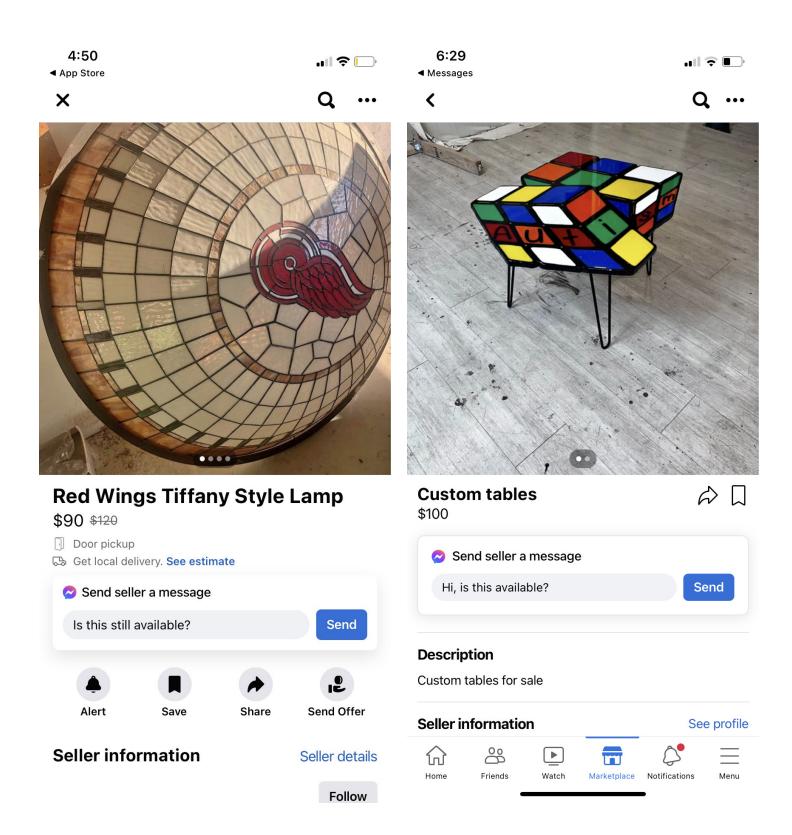
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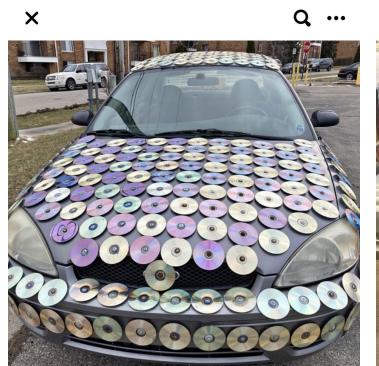
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### 2006 Ford Taurus

\$1,500 \$2,500

Listed 16 days ago · Ann Arbor, MI



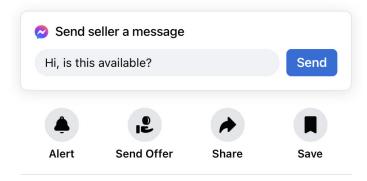
### Description

Very unique car covered with CDS! Run good. Looks good. Beautiful colors in the sun. Covered with 700 CDs. One of a kind!!



### Casket

\$375



### **Description**

Bought this for mothers funeral but went a different route and it never got used so it's still brand new with all the interior 375 cash no trades.

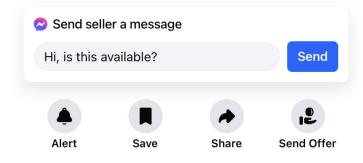






# wienie roaster small decorative fire pits

\$1



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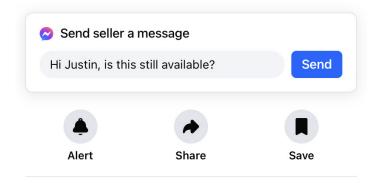
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# 2010 Ford Crown Victoria $\cdot$ White

\$1,500

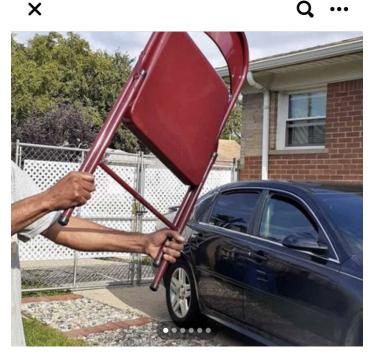
Listed 2 days ago · Waterford, MI



### **Description**

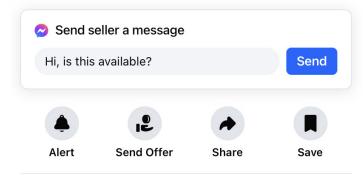
Just got it really good car but I'm just not in need of a cop car come get it runs good drives

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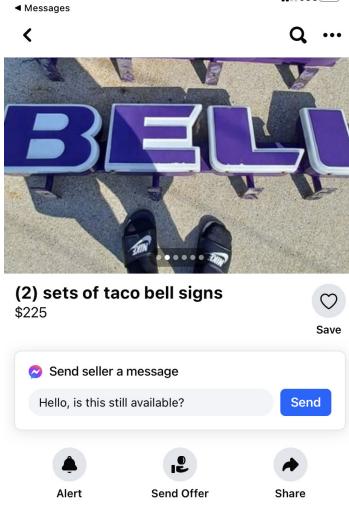
### Montgomery brawl security selfdefense chair

\$200



### **Description**

Authentic Montgomery brawl self-defense folding chair. 100% all steel made in the USA no background check needed multiple colors to choose from while supplies last \$200

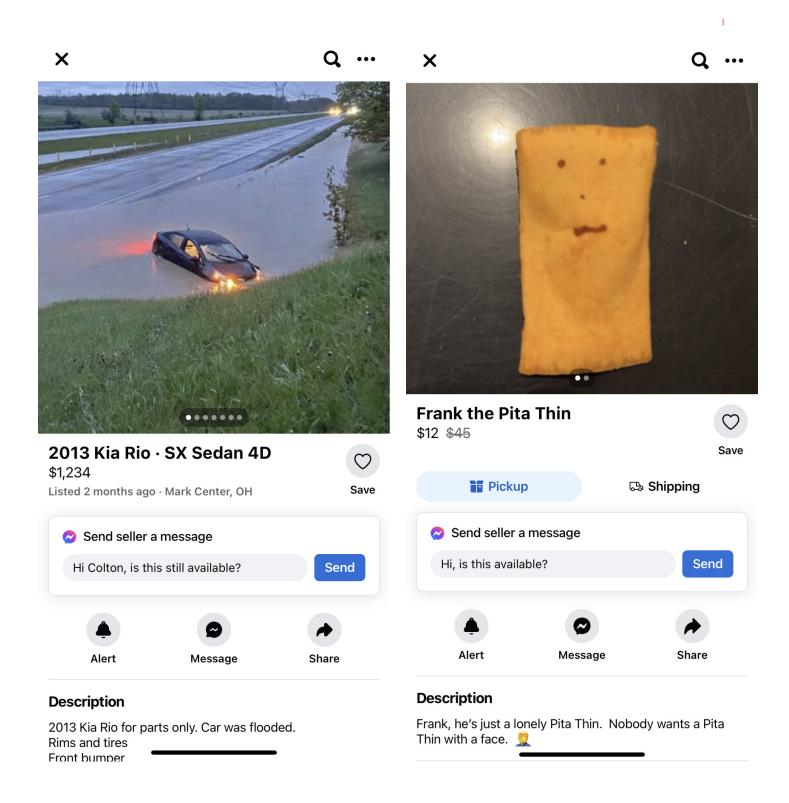


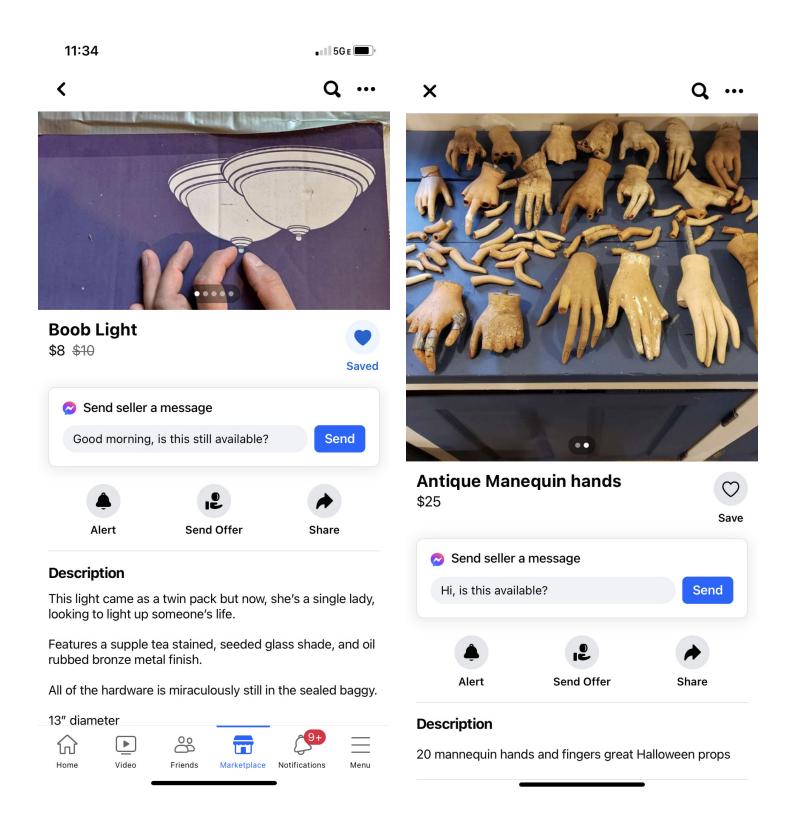
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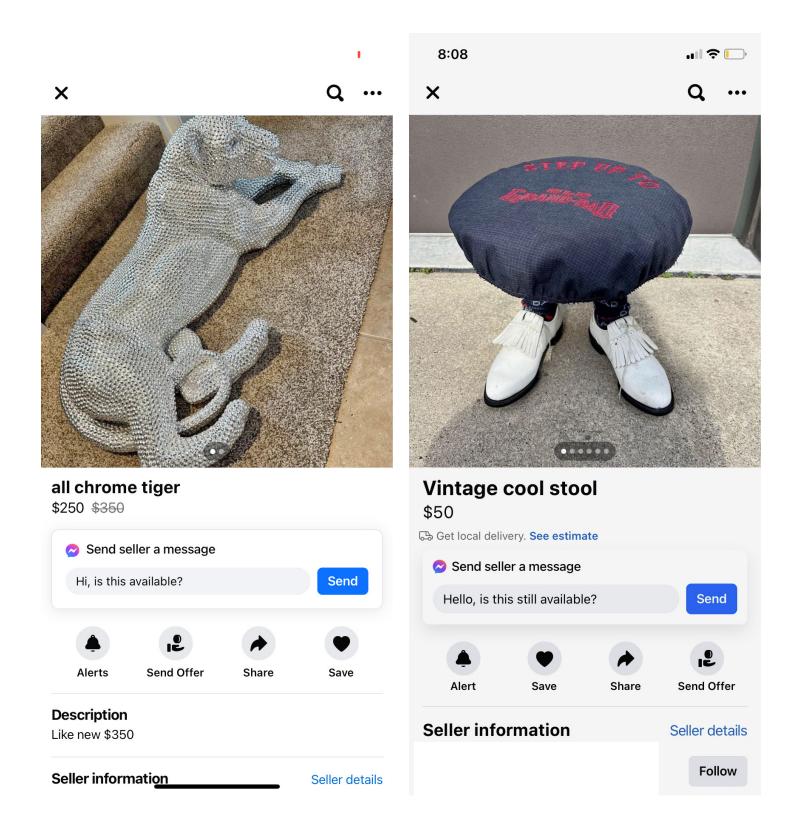
### **Description**

Hello I have (2) sets of TACO BELL SIGNS that light upè<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> they are in great condition just some fade marks on them from sitting on the building for all those years they are on mounting brackets that came off the building I will hook up cord to show you they work you will just have to hook up one your self once you get it home very nice for a garage pull barn or man cave



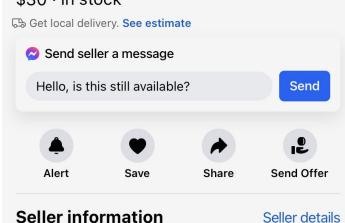












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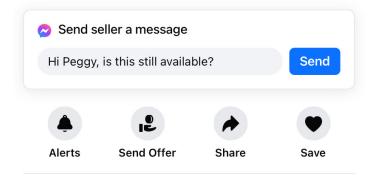
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Yard art -Hand crafted

\$20



### **Description**

Only have 2 of each left. Great gifts. Looking for a unique and handcrafted Christmas gifts? These cement rocks are wonderful and creative. There are 2 of each at 20.00 each.or 2 for 35.00.

5:29

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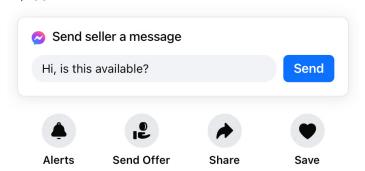




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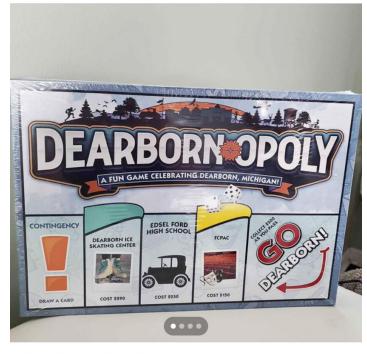
# **Antique Fire Hydrants** \$100



### **Description**

Antique Fire Hydrants \$100 each. Perfect for your man cave or for your dog.

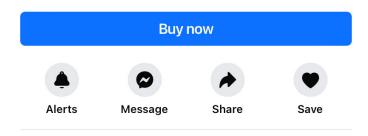
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## **Dearborn Opoly**

\$60

Ships for \$11.56



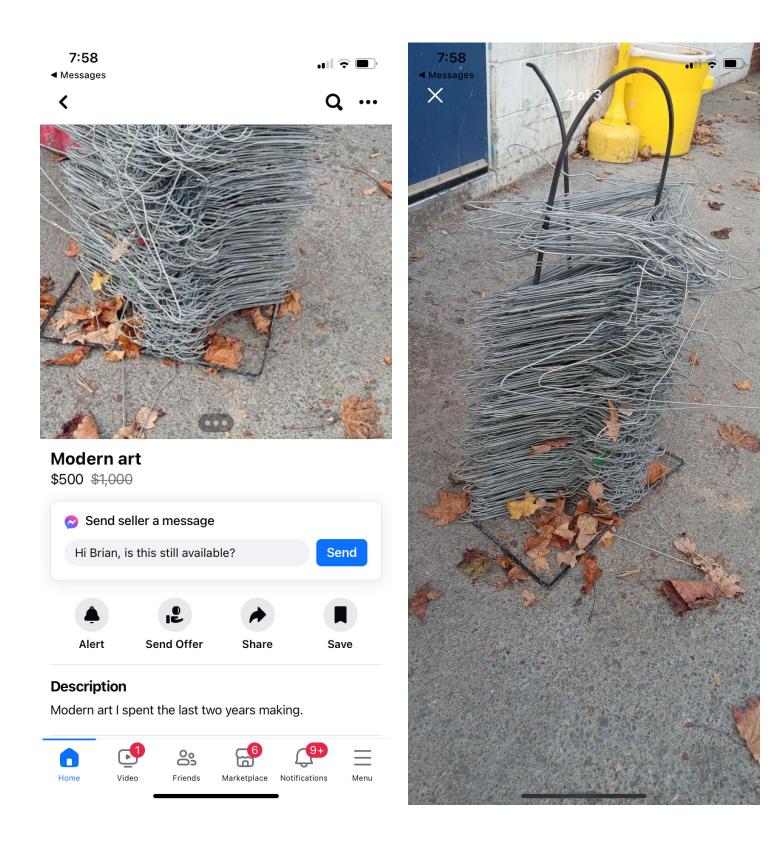
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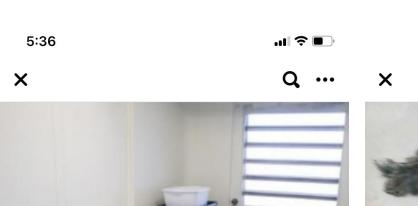
Dearborn Opoly new in box

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# Free 1 bedroom apartment just keep on doing dumb shit

Free / Month



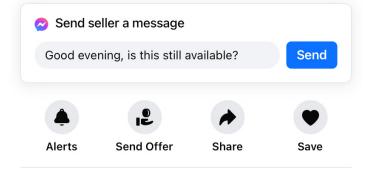
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# **Ghillie Suit**

\$80 \$100



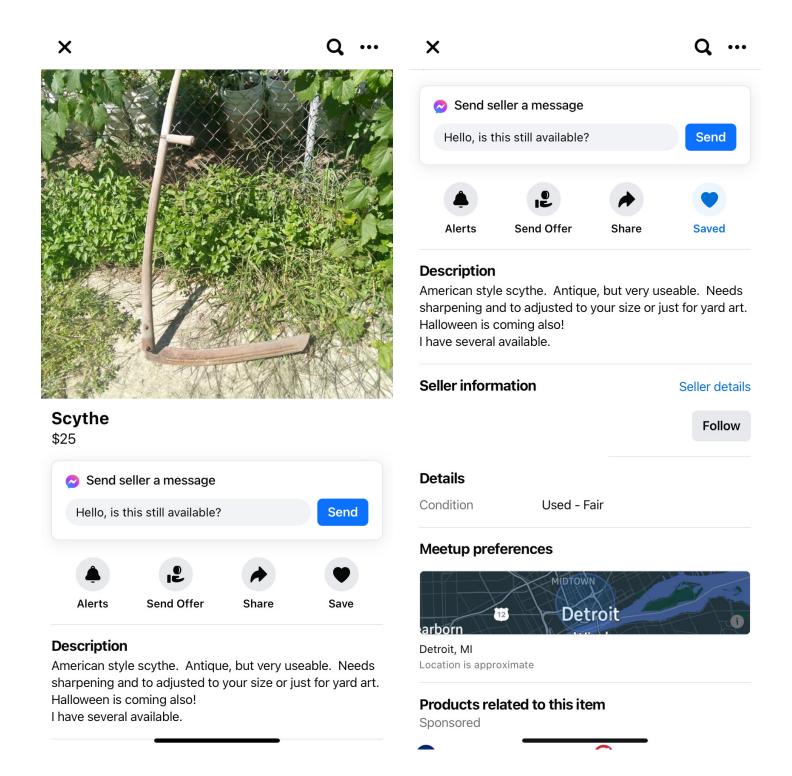
### **Rental Location**



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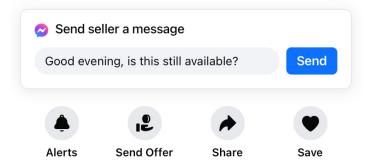
Ghillie suit worn only twice. Gently used. 2XL size. Jacket, Pants and head cover

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### Ex-Wife/Ex-Girlfriend Doll Burlap Voodoo Doll Halloween \$15



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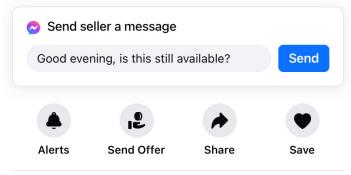
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Stick A Pin In Her Doll
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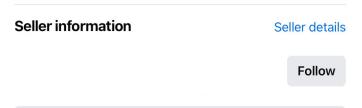


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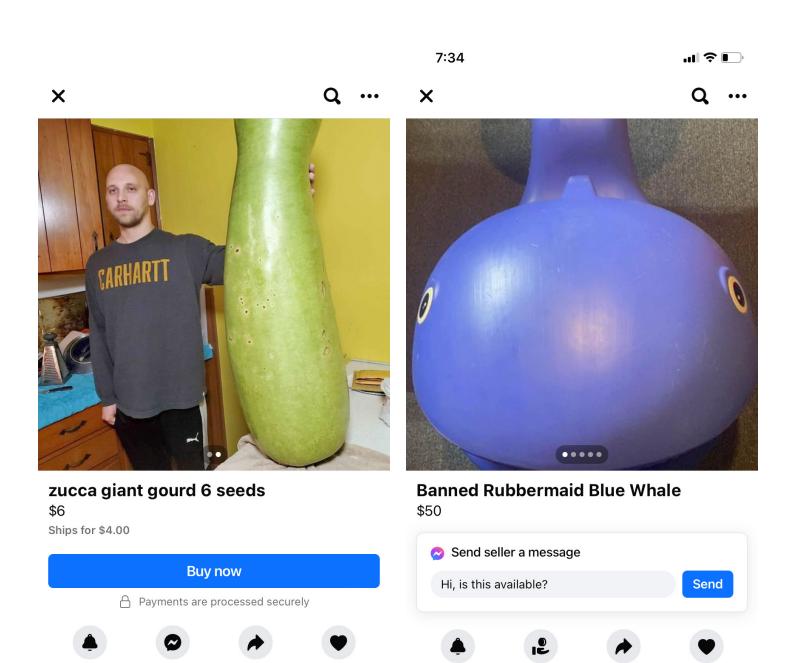
Ex-Wife/Ex-Girlfriend
Stick A Pin In Her Doll
Burlap Voodoo Doll
Completely hand stitched.
11" tall x 7" hand to hand.

Great Gag Gift or addition to your doll or Halloween collections.

Shipping available.



See all reviews



### **Description**

**Alerts** 

Zucca Giant gourd seeds 6 Can be eaten when picked young

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**Alerts** 

**Description** 

Send Offer

Use as hamper, cooler, or for unusual decor

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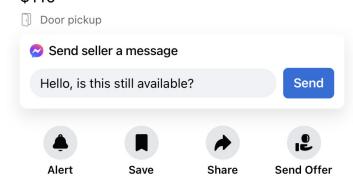






# **Lumber Perfect For Backyard Skating Rink**

\$110



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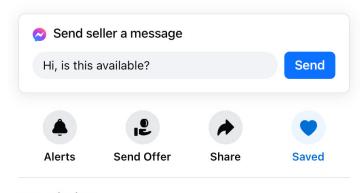
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Large Bayer Aspirin Pop Art Object 1980s

\$85



### **Description**

Oversized Bayer aspirin vintage 1980s Pop Art object. Heavy, with felt backing. 7" diameter. No damage.

Cash only. Pick up in Royal Oak.

