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Installation Art
Explore your environment through experimentation and play by creating a temporary sculpture.

Instructions

1. Explore your Materials
Mindfully search throughout your home for items you can use to create your installation. Look for safe, sturdy materials you can return or dispose of easily after your activity. Choose items that vary in texture, size, and color.

2. Find your Workspace
Locate an unexpected space inside or outside your home you can temporarily fill with one work of art. Will your installation be small or large? Will your viewer be allowed to touch your installation, or is it best viewed from afar? As you consider your workspace, be sure to choose a location that allows you to create an immersive experience.

3. Build your Installation
Lay your materials out within your workspace and divide by size and weight. How will you build up your installation? Which materials will be hung? Which materials will be joined? Select your starting point, then begin to arrange and build up your materials to assemble your objects in and around your site specific workspace. For reinforcement, loosely tape items together, use a glue gun and glue sticks, or join with string or pipe cleaners to help secure your materials in place.

4. Complete
Step back and take a look at your installation from different angles. Does your piece look like a single unified work of art? Incorporate additional objects into your artwork to complete.

5. Bonus Round
Some installations are activated through actions within the artwork. How can you activate your installation? You can let your audience walk into or through your installation or add an element of sound.

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston
Make sure to document your work through photos or video before it disappears. Share your work with us using the hashtags #MuseumFromHome #ConnectWithCAMH

Go further:
Jae Ko: flow 流 https://youtu.be/tXBNVEXbBM4
Nari Ward: We The People https://youtu.be/oUHiUjexkaU

Materials
- Found objects/recyclable items
- Common household items
- Adhesives
- String, pipe cleaners, wire, or rubber bands

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An immersive mixed-media construction, designed for a specific location and often for a temporary period of time.