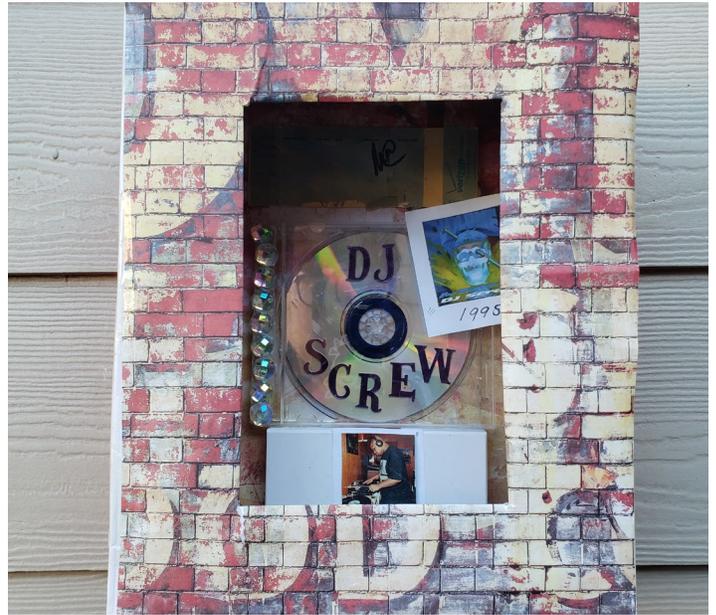


# OPEN STUDIO

## Shadow Box

Create a mixed media collage within a box to share your favorite memories of family and friends.



### Materials

- Shoebox with Lid
- Scissors
- Adhesive (e.g., white glue, masking tape, or hot glue)
- Paper (blank and wrapping or decorative paper)
- Paper Ephemera (e.g., photographs, ticket stubs, or newspaper clippings)
- 3-D Objects (e.g., dried flowers, feathers, or toys smaller than box)
- Wire
- Drawing Utensils
- Decorative Items (e.g., stickers or bling)

### Instructions

#### 1. Gather Materials

What memories would you like your family and friends to remember? Do you have objects or photographs that could remind you of those memories? Gather your supplies and find a comfortable and safe place to create your shadow box.

#### 2. Create Frame

You will create a frame for your shadow box using the lid of your shoebox. Inside the shoebox lid, draw a rectangle by creating a thick border around the edge of the lid. Cut out the inside of this rectangle.

#### 3. Decorate Box

Next, glue paper to all surfaces of the shadow box. Cover the outer surface of the shoebox using decorative paper as if wrapping a present. Use white paper to cover the interior of the shoebox. Draw and add decorative items like text, stickers, and bling to the outside of the frame. Is there important text you would like to include to guide your friends' and family's memories?

#### **4. Add Memories**

Pick one to three pieces of ephemera or 3-D objects to be focal points in your shadow box. Arrange your items inside while the shoebox lays flat on your work surface. Rearrange items to tell a story about your memory. What kind of support will each item need to secure the box? 3-D objects can sit on the bottom of the box. If a 3-D object needs a base, create one from cardboard and wrap it in paper used for the interior of the box. Secure ephemera and 3-D objects to the interior of the box. Place the frame of the box back onto the shoebox.

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#### **Ephemera**

Paper items (such as posters, broadsides, and tickets) that were originally meant to be discarded after use but have since become collectible and associated with a memory.

Share your shadow box of memories with your family and friends. Be sure to also share your creation with CAMH using the hashtags #MuseumFromHome and #ConnectWithCAMH.