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Mining the Museum at Home

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Goal: Use objects in your home to create a museum display that tells a story about you.

Guiding Question: What do the objects in our homes say about us?

Steps:

Materials:

Paper
Pens/ Pencils/ Markers
Objects around you

1. Observe: Look for patterns and similarities among objects in your home. You might consider similarities in color, pattern, shape, material, etc. Play around with how to arrange the objects.



2.

Use paper and a pen/ marker to create a label for your display. Most museum labels follow this format:

Artist Name

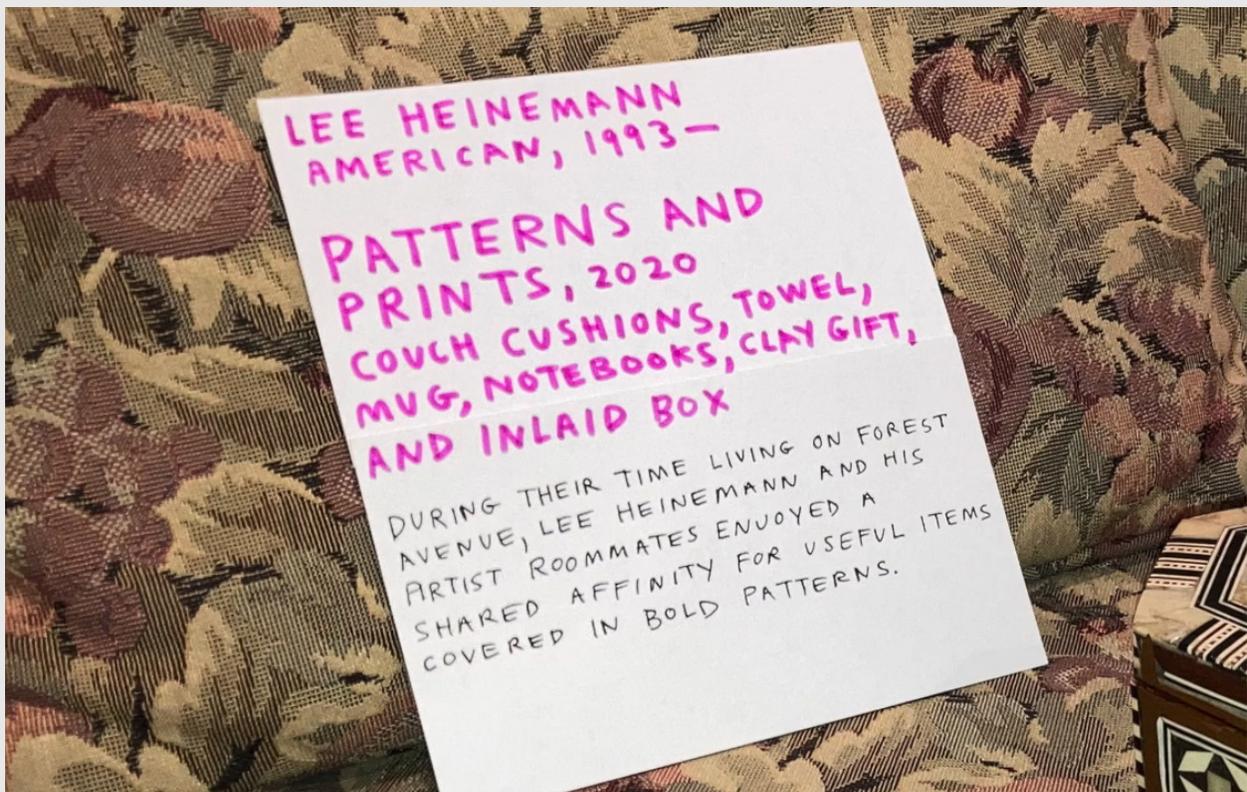
where the artist is from, year they were born

Title

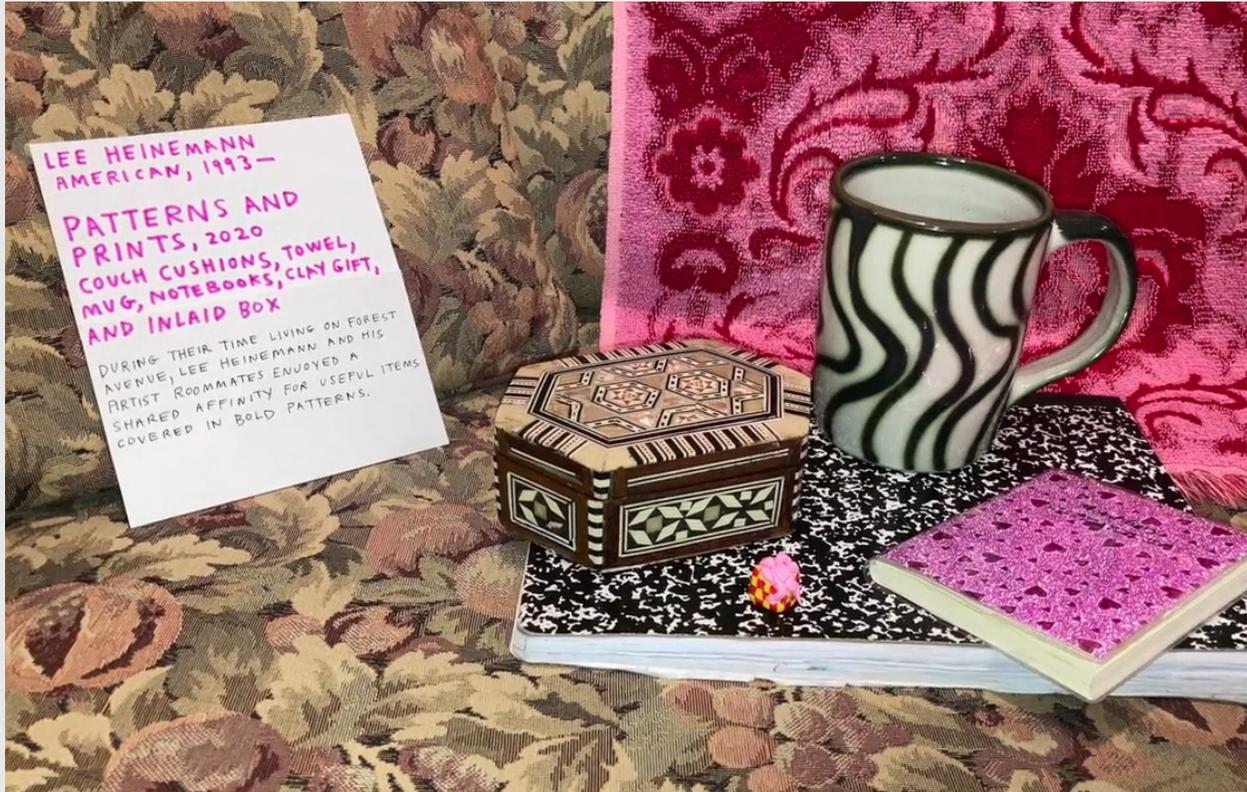
year work was made

list of materials used or objects included

Short text description goes here. Give more information and answer any questions viewers might have. This description can include quotes from the artist or other information about their life.

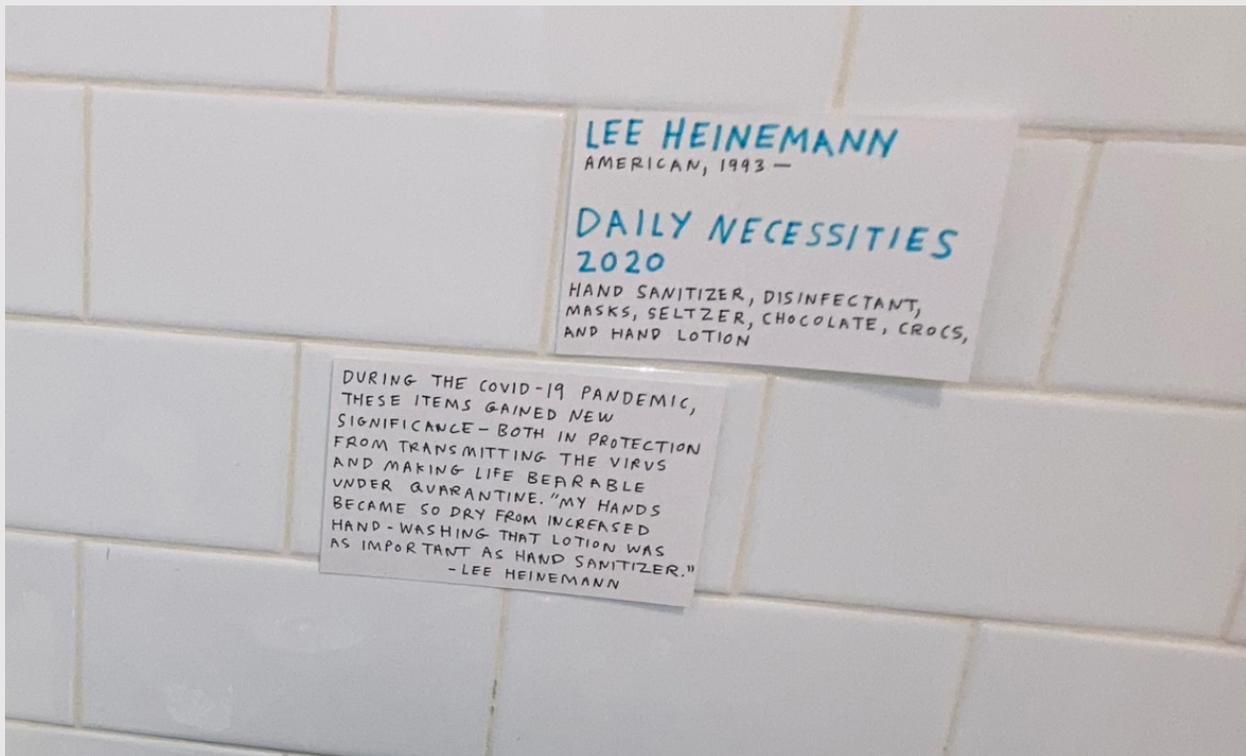


3. Place the label next to your display.

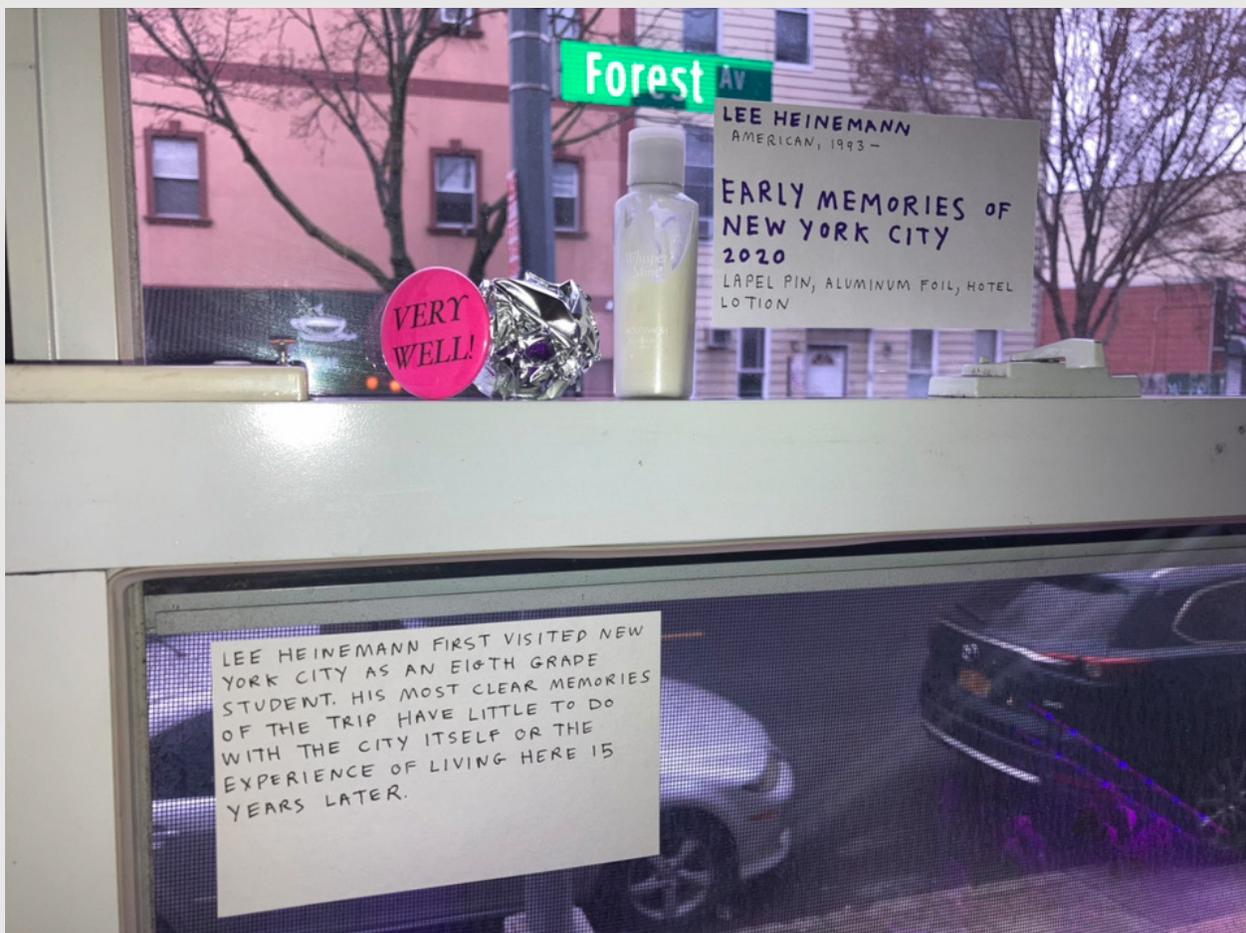


4. Create a new display!





5. Keep going! And don't forget to document your displays with a photo!



Reflect: If you could create your own museum, what kinds of exhibitions would you host?