

DIY ART-MAKING: BOX SHRINES



ABOUT BOX SHRINES

Our Teen Programs have been using the museum's collection to explore ideas of mindfulness and protection. To connect these themes of safe and protective objects to their personal narratives, they created their own portable safe spaces using cigar boxes. Learn how to make your own box shrine using recycled and other meaningful objects.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Shoebox/Tins/Cigar Boxes/Use any type of portable box you may find
- Glue
- Papers, magazines, textiles, glitter, moss, fabric - Use any collage materials you have available
- Paint/Ink, Brushes, Small cup of water - Any media that you would like to use to decorate your shrine
- Personal objects you would like to include in your sacred space.

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1

Brainstorm. What is your idea of a sacred space? What does it feel like or look like? What materials will you need?

Step 2

Gather materials that you brainstormed in step one.

Step 3

What would you like the outside of your shrine to convey? Decorate the outside of your box.

Step 4

What objects will you place inside your box? What will these elements reveal about your safe space? Decorate the inside of the shrine.

Step 5

Let your shrine dry and you are ready to transport your portable safe space wherever you go!