



The Fabric Workshop and Museum



FWM @ Home Activity: Tonal Studies

Materials:

- used coffee filters
- clear glue or glue stick
- X-Acto knife or scissors
- window or light source

Steps:

1. Collect and rinse your used coffee filters for several days.
2. Hang filters to dry.
3. Look at your collection of coffee filters and place them in a pile from lightest to darkest.
4. Use scissors or an X-Acto knife to cut out shapes from your pile of coffee filters (if this feels too difficult you can cut out each one separately)
5. Save the cutout pieces and place in a pile.
6. Explore arranging and collaging different tonal shapes.
7. Hang coffee filter collages in a window to see how the light passes through the cutout areas and the tonal shapes.

About FWM @ Home and the Quarantine Prints Series

FWM has a long history of challenging Artists-in-Residence and staff to use innovative materials, methods, and art-making practices. During the museum's spring 2020 closure as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis, our education team considered the challenges art teachers and caregivers were facing and developed the Quarantine Prints series in response as an opportunity to explore and expand ideas of art making.

Each exercise can be adjusted to suit the age and abilities of students and/or family members. Use these projects to imagine new materials, tools, and possibilities in times of uncertainty and resourceful living. Visit our [website](#) for additional activities in the series, check out [FWM's YouTube channel](#) for how-to videos created by FWM staff, and share images of your results on social media using the hashtags #FWMatHome and #FabricWorkshop!