FWM @ Home Activity: Multiple Object Press Print

Steps:

1. Find a relatively flat item in your home that you have many of (keys, bobby pins, paper clips, safety pins, coins...).
2. Place these objects onto a piece of paper.
3. Explore different arrangements of these objects.
4. Lightly spray a piece of thick paper with water.
5. Lay the damp paper on top of your composition of objects.
6. Find heavy books or objects to place on top.
7. Keep your heavy items on top for a few hours.
8. Remove your heavy items and look at your press print.
9. Did your objects create a memory of their shape?
10. What would you like to do to this image to add to its meaning?

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!