



# Memory Cups

Inspired by *Untitled* (1996) Tony Feher (American, 1956 - 2016), Plastic bottles, water, food dye, wire, and rope. Gift of E. M. Bakwin, Class of 1950.

## Inspiration

Tony Feher uses banal and mass-produced objects like plastic bottles, milk crates, and Styrofoam cups, to convey abstract colors and forms.

In this project, he put colored water inside plastic water bottles. As time passes, atmospheric conditions affect the fluid and air inside the bottles. Each container is its own little environment.



## The Project

Just like the water inside the bottles, we change over the course of our lives. We visit many places along the way.

In this project, we will use plastic bottles or cups to create abstract collages inspired by the environments we have experienced in our lives.

## Materials

- plastic bottle, cup, or container
- different colored papers
- natural objects or souvenirs
- glue or mod podge
- a brush or sponge
- yarn or string
- scissors or another sharp object

## Pick Your Place

Think about places that are important to you. What is special about it?

You can use one cup to represent a single place or link multiple cups together to show many places that impacted you throughout your life.

## Process

1. Using scissors or another tool, poke a hole in the bottom of the cup
2. Thread the yarn through the hole and tie a knot on the inside of the cup
3. Cut or rip pieces of colored paper to your desired size and shape
4. Make a collage representing the place you chose using the paper and any objects you would like
5. Glue the paper to the cup, using a brush or sponge to apply the glue
6. You can use the inside and outside of the cup so that your cup has many layers, just like you!
7. Once the glue has dried, use the yarn to hang the cup in front of a window

## Questions

- What physical elements are in the space?
- Are there buildings?
- Are there natural elements, like trees?
- What colors and textures can you find in the space?