Make Your Own Museum
Learn what it feels like to create a museum by curating exhibitions, caring for objects, and inviting visitors to enjoy your work. 

*Words marked with an asterisk symbol (*) are defined in the glossary section (Page 6).*

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ACTIVITY 1: NAME YOUR MUSEUM

• Name your museum.
• Make a sign with your museum’s name and put it on the wall above your objects.

NOTE: You can come back to this activity if you’d like to name your museum after you curate your first exhibition.

ACTIVITY 2: CURATE YOUR EXHIBITION

• Congratulations! You are now the curator* of your museum.
• Select objects* from your home to include in your exhibition*. (for example: toys, stuffed animals, shoes, books, etc.)
  ◦ Think carefully about which objects you choose:
    ■ What makes your objects similar?
    ■ What makes them different?

  ◦ Now arrange your objects.

  ◦ Think carefully about how you will place them:
    ■ Will you put them on a box, a stool, or a chair so people can see them clearly?
    ■ Will you create frames for them to show how special they are?
      ▲ Curious about how to create a simple frame?
        Visit our website to watch Exhibition Manager, John Lynch, explain!

  ◦ Give your exhibition a name!
ACTIVITY 3: MAKE YOUR WALL LABELS

- On separate pieces of paper, write about your objects so that everyone knows what they are and why they are important to you.
- Use your papers as wall labels*!
- Tape or place your wall labels next to their objects.

ACTIVITY 4: CREATE YOUR POSTER

- Create a poster to advertise* your exhibition.
- Include:
  - Your museum’s name
  - The title of your exhibition
  - A sentence that explains what’s in your exhibition
  - The dates that people can come see your exhibition
  - An image that makes people excited to come

ACTIVITY 5: INVITE VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION

- Create an invitation to give to your family and friends (your museum visitors), so that they can visit your exhibition.
- Include information such as the time, date, and title of the exhibition.
ACTIVITY 6: PREPARE FOR YOUR OPENING PARTY

• Make your visitors feel welcome by preparing special Create your own drinks and/or snacks for your exhibition opening.
  ◦ Interested in learning a new recipe for your opening party? Visit our website to prepare a snack along with Melissa CS.

• Set the mood for your party by creating a playlist and paying attention to the lighting.

ACTIVITY 7: TEACH YOUR VISITORS ABOUT YOUR EXHIBITION

• When your visitors arrive, give them a tour of the exhibition by telling them about each of the objects you included!

• You might also create a video tour for people who cannot attend the exhibition in person.

ACTIVITY 8: CARE FOR YOUR OBJECTS

• Make packaging from recycled boxes or folders to move and store your objects safely.
ACTIVITY 9: CURATE A SECOND EXHIBITION

• YAY! You’ve curated your first exhibition.
• If you had fun doing that, you can keep going and make more exhibitions! The possibilities are endless.

GLOSSARY

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SHARE
Take a photo of your work and share it with us, @posterhousenyc on Instagram. Be sure to include your museum name and exhibition title and we might include you in our #museumathome collection!