

POSTER



HOUSE

**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).*

MATERIALS	
Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A wall or area for curating your museum• Paper Markers, colored pencils, or crayons• Removable/Wall-safe tape• Glue or tape• Ruler
Optional	Cardboard boxes or cereal boxes

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 andor 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

Advertise	a way of encouraging people to want to do or buy something
Curate	to organize a museum or exhibition
Curator	a person who selects objects for an exhibition
Exhibition	a group of objects in a museum
Objects	items in an exhibition
Wall Label	an explanation of a museum object

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!