

Collection #1

Semester-long project:

Identify a meaningful theme or concept. Then collect or do something with careful focus, repeatedly, 75 times in 3 months.

During one of these weeks, do something 25 times or gather 25 objects that relate to the theme.

Document the objects or experiences visually and identify what they are. How might you change? What might you learn?



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Glass Comfort



This is a collection that combines my grandmother's, my mother's, my sisters' and my own favorite glass objects.





Buddha Bottle,
Middle sister's possession,
Originally a soda bottle



Maple Bottle,
Oldest sister's possession,
Brought home from Montreal



Fish Bottle,
Personal possession and
comfort item



Sunset Bottle,
Grandmother's possession,
Now middle sister's possession



Boot Bottle,
Mother's possession,
Brought home from Italy



I used the “Shoot from a Lower Angle” tip by laying down underneath the tree and capturing images from lower, diagonal angles that are more visually interesting (right and top left photos).



I used the “Fill the Frame” tip by pointing my camera through the largest glass. This filled the whole frame with the bright orange glass and the melting snow drops on top of it (bottom left photo).



I decided to begin a collection of physical objects rather than experiences as I am a person that holds objects close to my heart. Growing up, my house was always full of things from my mom's childhood that were important to her. Little figurines, pictures, and glass objects were all over tables and in cabinets. Glass has given me immense comfort over the years, as it has always been a constant in my home and some of our glass even goes back to when my family lived in Italy. Collecting colorful and unique glassware brings me a feeling of security and I am constantly adding to my collection and decorating my windows and tables with these meaningful treasures. Making this project about my comfort item really pushed me to be creative, as I wanted to display my prized possessions in an exciting way.