

Thesis Deliverables

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Image Descriptions:

Title of work

File source (example: lkliwer_01.jpg, or if video link: <https://youtube.com/>)

Medium

Dimensions (physical size dimensions / optional)

Description / Caption of work (optional; a good place to provide context on your documentation) example: a landscape of my environment during COVID-19

Tags (optional)

Unfired Tiles

Bone-dry ceramic

Tiles are anywhere from a square centimeter to a foot long

Some bone-dry unfired tiles made from pressed fern fiddleheads into slabs. Waiting to be fired.
(Mosaic, ceramics, ferns, fiddleheads)

House Truck Blueprints Right View

Pencil on grid paper

11"x22"

One of the versions of house truck blueprints. I made at least 5 different versions of sketches all pretty identical with minor measurement changes. Several of the plans were lost when transferring materials from GLASS to my house.

(architectural plans, sketch, blueprints, building plans, floorplans)

Initial Tub Mosaic Brainstorming Sketch

Pencil on Lined Paper

5"x8"

First doodle I did of what I envisioned doing on the front of my tub.

(sketch, mosaic, drawing, floral)

House truck Plans front and back view

Pencil on grid paper

11"x22"

Sketches of the views of the front and the back of the truck from inside and a plan for the sliding doors and storage bays on the back.

(architectural plans, sketch, blueprints, building plans, floorplans, interior design)

House Truck plans left view

Pencil on grid paper

11"x22"

House truck plans for the left side of the truck. this is the side the tub would go on and the kitchen.

(architectural plans, sketch, blueprints, building plans, floorplans)

House Truck blueprints above view

Pencil on grid paper

11"x22"

Blueprints for the truck viewed from above.

(architectural plans, sketch, blueprints, building plans, floorplans)

Scrapbook page Ugly Truckling

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BuMNPqunIVj/?igshid=1lipaone8e061>

Printed Images, written captions, collage

8"x11"

One of the pages my scrapbook I put together of the build. This is someone else's house truck in Washington.

(collage, scrapbook, memories, inspiration, tiny house)

Scrapbook page reclaimed materials

Printed Images, written captions, collage

8"x11"

A page showing one of our truckloads of reclaimed wood and the pile it was salvaged from

(reclaimed materials, scrapbook, process, lumber)

Scrapbook page "The Beast"

Printed Images, written captions, collage

8"x11"

A page recounting the day I bought the truck

(scrapbook, account, beginning)

Tub Mosaic round 2

Pencil, sharpie, highlighter, marker on white roll paper

2'x6'

A drawing I made of what I ideally wanted my mosaic to look like. I realized it wasn't realistic to but out/make tiles to fit each tiny fern frond leaf. So I cast this idea aside and went with the burnout method instead.

(drawing, ferns, fiddleheads, sketch, mosaic, design, floral)

DIY wood stain

vinegar, rusty nails, wood

1'x4'

A comparison of my DIY non-toxic wood stain next to an unstained piece of wood.

(wood stain, experiment, DIY, natural)

Front Door Mosaic sketch

Pencil on grid paper

11"x22"

Sketch of the mosaic design I wanted to make on my front door.

(sketch, door, wood mosaic, mosaic, landscape, design)

Bisque fired tiles

Bisque fired ceramic

3"x9"

Bisque fired tiles before being glazed. Waiting to get fired at Georgies. I left the burnout residue on the tile for the picture just to show what it looks like! I was easily able to wipe away the residue with a small broom or damp cloth.

(ceramics, tiles, mosaic pieces, burnout, slab)

Salvaged no smoking sign

Found object, reclaimed signage

8"x11"

when tearing off the nasty old wood paneling inside the truck I salvaged 2 of these no smoking van or residence signs.

(reclaimed, reused, sign)

Glazed tiles
Glazed ceramic
2'x6'

a closeup of the tiles glazed and arranged in a fashion close to how they will be arranged on the tub.
(fern fronds, mosaic tiles, glazes, ceramic)

Unfired bone-dry tiles
Bone-dry ceramic
Varying sizes of coins

Tiles still waiting to be bisque fired at Georgies. Most of these are tiles to fill in between the fern fronds along with the broken glass dishes I have to fill in the negative space.
(ceramic, mosaic, dragonfly, spiral)

Closeup view of mosaic tiles
Glazed ceramic
2'x6'

closeup of fern frond mosaic tiles, finished being glazed and arranged ready to be grouted to the tub
(ferns, mosaic, ceramics, tiles, glazes)

Tile closeup
Glazed ceramic
2"x8"

closeup of one of the glazed tiles
(fern, plant, ceramic, mosaic, glaze)

Closeup of glazed tile
Glazed ceramic
3"x.5"

closeup of a finished glazed tile
(ceramic, mosaic, glaze, tile, flora, plant)

Closeup of tile
Glazed ceramic
1 square inch

closeup of a glazed dragonfly tile, I made a few of these to sprinkle throughout the mosaic in between the ferns
(dragonfly, mosaic, ceramic, glaze, tile)

Finished Mosaic imagery
Glazed ceramic tiles
2'x6'

all of my finished, glazed tiles laid out as close to the finished imagery as I can get for now. There are still tiles that aren't finished that need to go in too.
(ferns, mosaic, ceramics, tiles, glazes, flora)

Artist Statement/Project Description:

My work for Thesis is part of an ongoing series of explorations in alternative living spaces. I have been immersing myself in projects and research pertaining to home construction, DIY tactics and “bringing the outside in” while incorporating hand-made ceramic, and reclaimed material embellishments in the process.

I’ve been fascinated with unconventional houses for a long time, specifically Hobbit Houses, Earth Ships, and tiny houses on wheels. When I first came to Oregon, I had hoped I would be able to learn some of the skills I would need later to build my own “hobbit house” project. It wasn’t until last year that I was able to get pretty close when I acquired “The Beast,” a 30ft box truck. Currently it’s being outfitted to live inside in order to achieve housing security and mental security in creating a one of a kind semi-luxurious, semi-rugged, totally personalized, miniature, moveable house on wheels! The final build will include a bedazzled bathtub with a mosaic on the front made of handmade ceramic tiles and a wooden mosaic on the front door made from reclaimed wood and homemade wood stains. “The Beast” is intended to be an intricate, safe, uplifting, and livable sculpture. Humankind has been enriching life through art for ages and I think that maybe life inside my own sculpture would be pretty cool.