

ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: The Examination of Gender Associations in Being

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The stay-at-home dad is a middle-class invention that dismantles the gender roles society spent centuries building. This series of work for the Creative Project will use mixed-media materials and techniques to infuse my art processes with creative exploration and references to functionality. Through a simulated immersion, the works will relate and interact with the role of the stay-at-home-dad in a synthetic, quasi-functional living room. This role poses severe contradictions to the mass conception of masculinity. Even the role of an artist somehow juxtaposes what it “means to be a man”, so in this body of work I overlap the role of artist, primary caregiver, and male. I weave in and out of each embodiment, blurring lines between perceived gender, function, and aesthetic exploration.