

McClelland from Home

INSIDE OUT

Light hunters

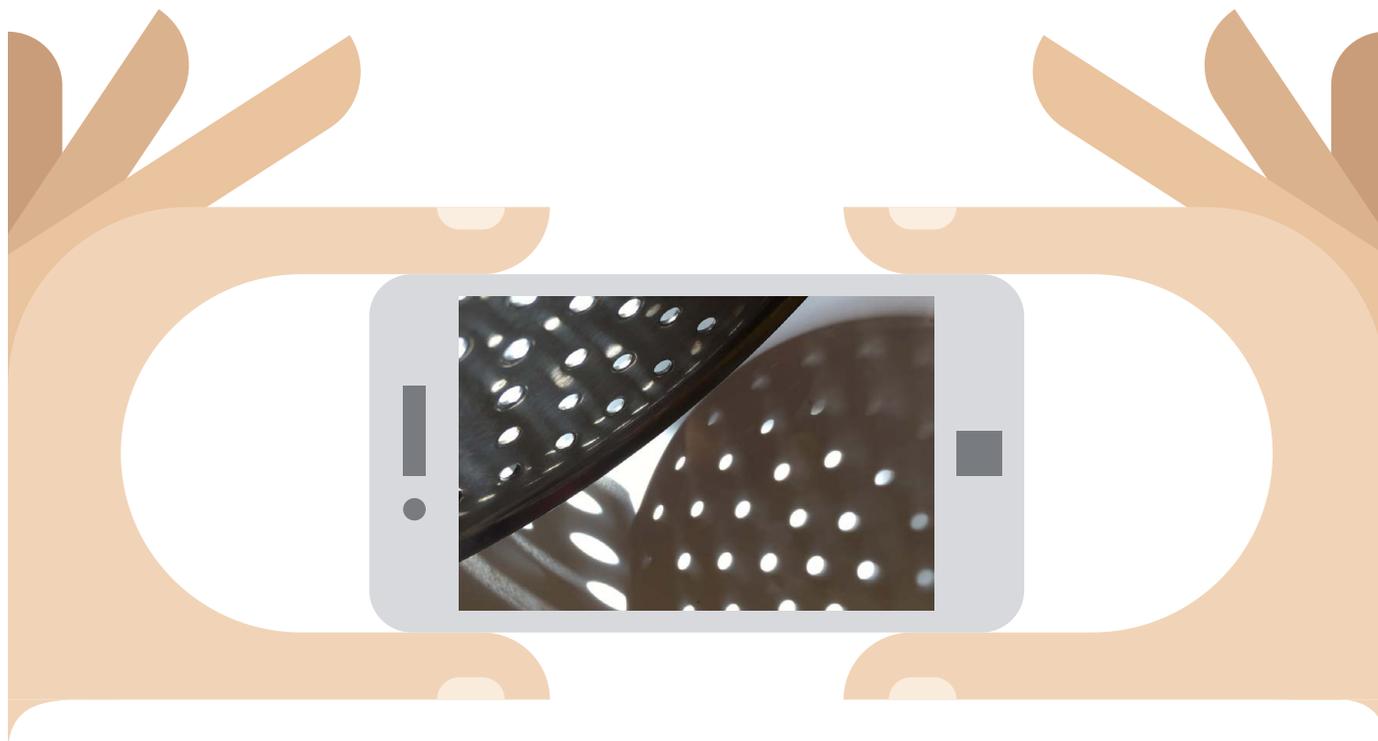


Anne-Marie May's works from the exhibition *Inside Out: Space and Process - Erwin Fabian & Anne Marie May*, McClelland Sculpture Park+Gallery (installation view). Photo: Christian Capurro

Anne-Marie May is an artist from Melbourne who creates colourful sculptures inspired by everyday materials, such as cardboard and plastic. Her artwork experiments with the effects of light in different ways, often creating coloured shadows around the artworks themselves, or illuminating the actual edges of the work. Some of her artworks are made from brightly coloured and transparent materials, which cast richly coloured shadows when a light is directed onto the work.

Quite often, Anne-Marie May takes pictures of shadows or light reflections in her home and uses them as an inspiration for her artworks. For example, she would look at the gleams of light on the wall created by the light going through her aquarium nearby. Or watch the light sparkles between the leaves of a tree.

It's your turn to get creative and to chase shadows and reflections around you. You only need a phone with a camera, or a digital camera. You can play inside your home but also try outside if you have access to a backyard or a balcony. There are some ideas on the following pages to get you started and some pictures to use for inspiration. We look forward to seeing what you will find!



1

Observe your windows at different moments of the day. Can you see any interesting lights or shadows? Are they easier to see in the morning or the afternoon? You can also try to place some objects close to a window and look at the shadows they cast. If it's a very cloudy day, try with a torch or a lamp.



The light coming from this kitchen window looks different depending on the surfaces.

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If you have a garden or some indoor plants, observe the shadows they make on the ground or the light you can see through them. This works well when the sun is out and you may get different results depending on the time of the day.



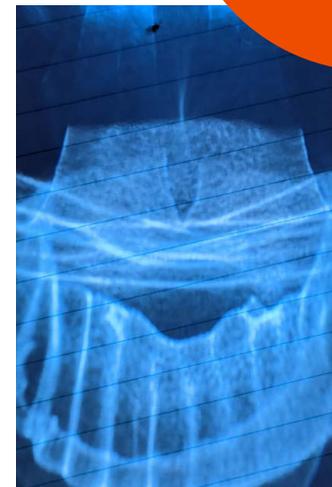
This is a lavender plant seen on the ground, a basil plant on a wooden table, and an aloe vera plant with a glass of water casting their shadows on white paper.



3

Find some objects that reflect the light or let it go through, such as metal (a spoon for example), liquid (a water bottle, an aquarium), coloured transparent plastic or glass. Can you find some interesting reflections? You could try to create your own compositions on different surfaces (white paper for example).

A coloured glass can make interesting reflections and compositions.



4

Create a “sculpture of everyday things”. Anne-Marie May’s artworks are often inspired by everyday materials such as wool or cardboard. Gather some material such as paper, cardboard or fabric. Perhaps you could use recycled material from the kitchen such as fruit punnets, cereal boxes or aluminium to give it a second life. Choose one of your pictures and create a sculpture based on your shadows. Can you try to hang some of your creations? Fishing line works well but any thread will do! Does it stay still or move in the air? Does it catch light and cast some interesting shadows?



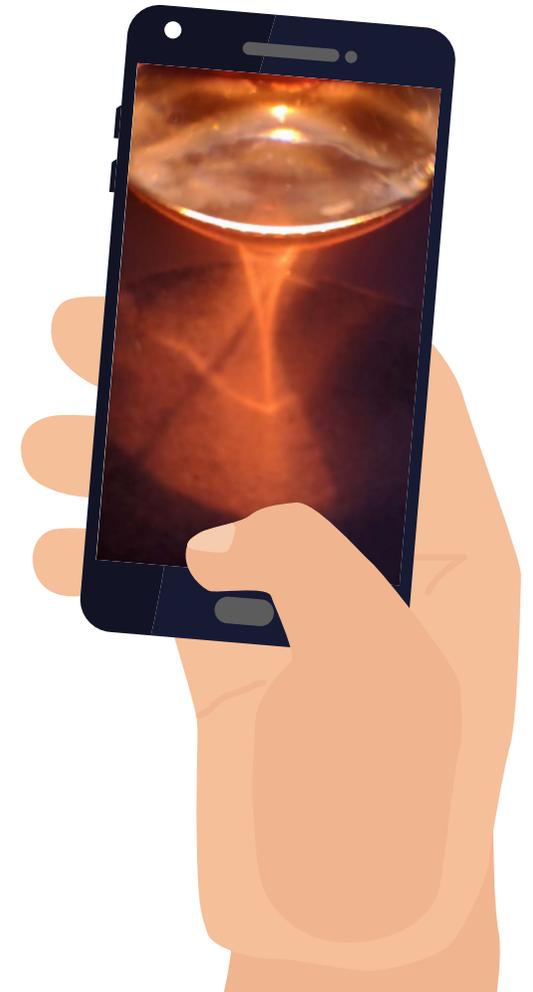
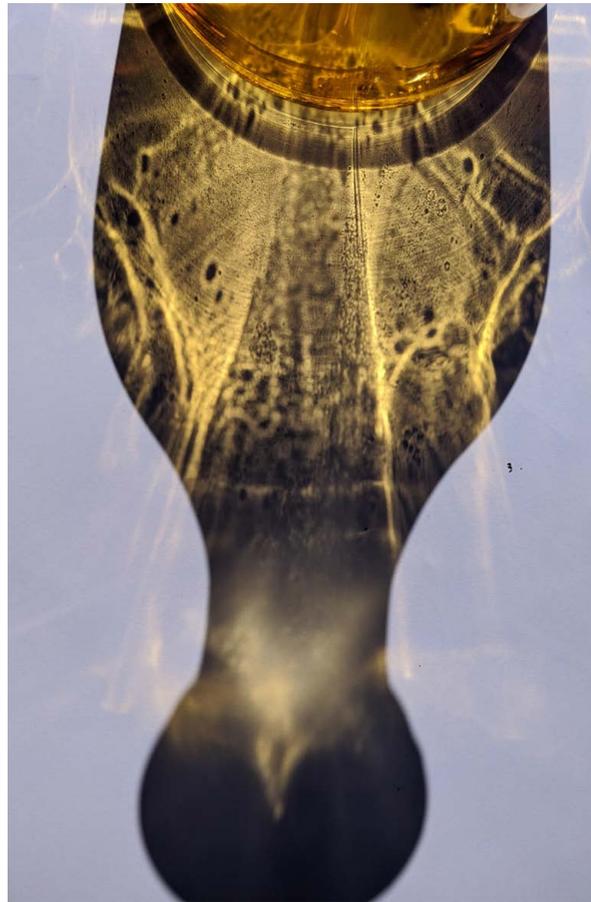
We recycled the tissue paper from a parcel and used some sewing thread to re-create one of the shadows.



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Choose your collection

Show your art to the world! Choose your favourite pictures and share them on Instagram or Facebook. Don't forget to tag **@McClellandFromHome** and use the hashtag **#McClellandFromHome**. You can use an app such as Snapseed to make a collage if you like. We will publish a selection on our dedicated Instagram page, and you will go into the draw to win some great art materials from our education partner, Micador.



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Giveaway rules

For your chance to win the Micador art materials, simply complete this activity at home and post your photos on Instagram with the hashtag **#McClellandFromHome**.

The McClelland Gallery team will review all photos with this hashtag and share the most captivating and inventive photos in our online education gallery on the **@McClellandFromHome** Instagram page.

Then it is up to the McClelland community! Follow **@McClellandFromHome** to share and promote your photo, and the photo which receives the greatest response in our online gallery by the following Friday will be the lucky winner.

Winners will be notified every second Friday for the previous fortnight's activity.

Questions

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us via email and we will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible. Email: rsvp@mcclellandgallery.com

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