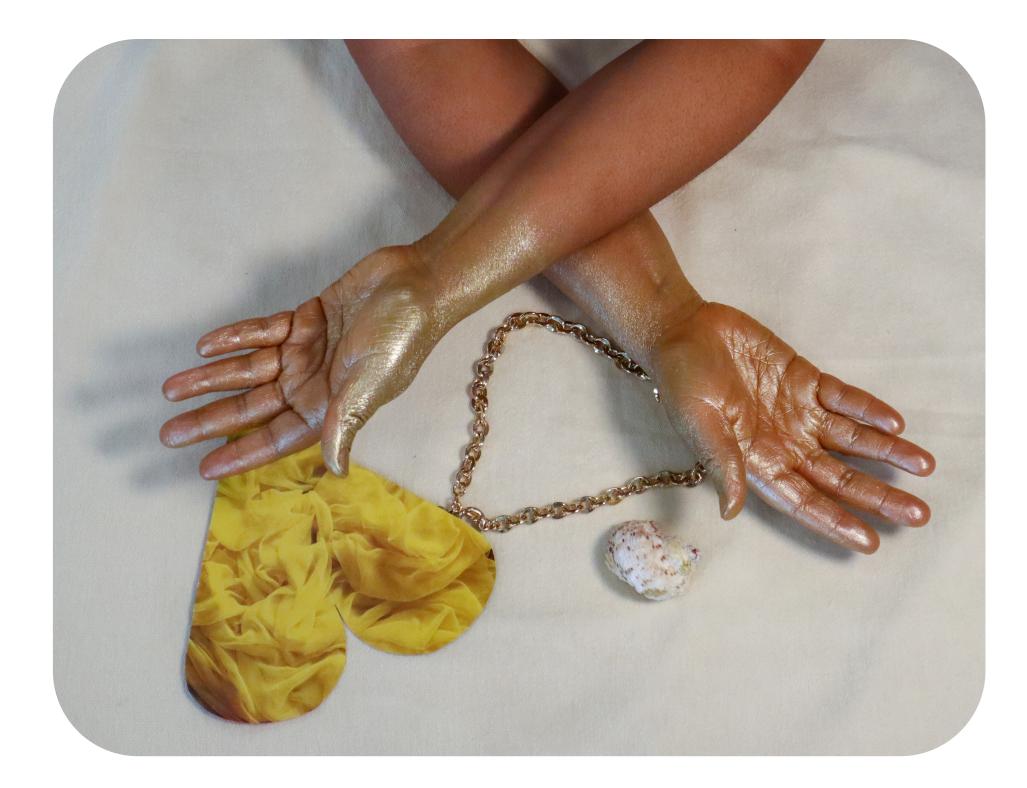




Take a series of family hand portraits that include gestures and objects! Our hands are not just for making, working, and expression...they are works of art! Inspired by

### Materials

Large piece of fabric or paper **Acrylic or heavy-bodied tempera paint** Nitrile gloves\* **Found objects** Masking tape Thumbtacks **Sponge brush or paintbrush** Camera phone



## Family Hand Portraits

### Instructions

- **1.** Gather favorite objects and cut-out images that you would like to highlight in your portraits.
- 2. Position your fabric piece on a wall with thumbtacks or lay it out on a large table.
- 3. Use a brush or your hand to smooth paint evenly over one hand of each family member.
- 4. If using acrylic paint, put on nitrile gloves first!
- 5. Allow the paint to dry for about 3-5 minutes.
- Tape or pin any images or objects to 6. your fabric as desired.
- 7. Take photos of each other's hands in front of the fabric at rest, holding objects, or making gestures.

# Brooklyn-based artist, LaKela Brown, whose sculptures include cultural objects and parts of the body.

### **Go Further**

Send your digital portraits to friends and family and/or print them to display at home!

**Interested in making actual plaster** molds and sculptures of objects...or your hands? Explore LaKela Brown's artwork at lakelabrown.com for inspiration, and check online for DIY plaster-making resources.

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